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Tricky Dilemma

NOT a great deal of excitement was created at the time by the visit to Moscow of the two East German Communist leaders, Herr Grotewohl and Herr Ulbricht, but they returned last week with "concessions" which bear examination. One thing the Soviet government agreed to do was to reduce, next year, the sum which the East German government pays annually for the maintenance of Russian forces in the country. It is to be halved from 1,600 million marks to 800 million. That is quite a considerable reduction yet, as it can be shown, still places on the East German workers a grievously heavy burden.

The degree of that burden can best be assessed by a comparison with the "support costs" which the Federal Republic contributes to the maintenance of the allied forces in West Germany. The 800 million marks is the equivalent of \$360 million dollars; West German "support costs" for the current year are \$350 million. Which means that the 18 million East Germans are paying more for the maintenance of the Soviet troops than the 50 million West Germans are paying towards the maintenance of the allied troops. The burden per head, even after the reduction comes into effect, is nearly three times as great.

THE other "concessions" are harder to assess for they are couched in carefully vague language. East Germany is promised a grant of "convertible currency for the purchase of goods in the world market," and a "long term credit on favourable terms." But there is no indication of the amounts of either. There are also to be "reciprocal deliveries" which, in the past, have usually been on terms highly favourable to the Soviet Union.

Nevertheless it is obvious that Grotewohl and Ulbricht went to Moscow not only to seek economic aid, but to warn the Russians that unless it was forthcoming the situation in the Soviet zone might become precarious. The Polesman rising and the sympathy which it evoked among the East German workers has not been the only warning sign. There had already been rumblings of discontent notably when an attempt was made to "raise the norms" in a number of government-owned factories and since Polesman there have been strong demands for higher pay, more food, and better housing and transport.

IN the light of these manifestations of discontent it was not surprising the East German leaders went to Moscow to impress on the Soviet government that concessions must be made to the workers if dangerous unrest was to be averted; that there must be at least a plausible assurance of better conditions to come; and that the only way of doing this was to receive substantial help, or the public promise of such help, from Russia.

In East Germany, as in other satellite countries, the Soviet leaders are now faced by the necessity of having to placate unrest by economic concessions. Yet at the same time they are aware that such concessions can only be at the expense of the Russian workers; that they must provide East Germany with more consumer goods, though there is a shortage of them in the Soviet Union itself.

It is an awkward dilemma. It may even compel a reversion to the Malenkov policy of giving priority to the production of consumer goods which was rejected by Khrushchev. The Russian leaders must be becoming uneasily aware that, in the language of Marxism, their system is rapidly developing its own "contradictions."

LONDON TALKS ON SUEZ?

CEYLON PREMIER'S DISCLOSURE TO HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
MAY DISCUSS NASSER'S MOVE

Colombo, July 30. The Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr Solomon Bandaranaike, told the House of Representatives tonight that a conference of the various countries interested in the Suez Canal was contemplated in London very soon.

As far as he was aware he said, no particular arrangement had yet been made for the conference, but he had reason to believe that Ceylon's claims to participate in any such discussions would be recognised.

The Prime Minister, who was answering questions regarding the situation arising from nationalisation of the Suez Canal company, raised by the

Opposition, did not name the country or parties which proposed to organise the conference. It was presumed in lobby circles that Britain was taking the initiative. He said the interests represented at the conference would be:

The nations holding shares in the Suez Canal Company, which had been nationalised by Egypt, such as England, France and the United States;

The nations whose ships used the Suez Canal; and other nations which used the Canal for trade and shipment of their goods, such as Ceylon.

The Prime Minister described the nationalisation of the Suez Canal as "the one most serious single thing that has happened to jeopardise the rather uneasy peace which we have been enjoying since the last war."—Reuter.

WESTERN PLAN FOR CANAL

London, July 30. The "Big Three" Western powers may call on President Nasser to agree to a new international authority to run the Suez Canal instead of the Egyptian state company.

Diplomatic sources reported this today as the British and French foreign ministers and a senior United States official resumed their conference on what to do about Egypt's sudden decision to nationalise the Canal.

Leading the three delegations were Mr Selwyn Lloyd of Britain, M. Christian Pineau of France, and Mr Robert Murphy, deputy Under-Secretary of State of America.

Western diplomats say that the three Western powers are likely to demand clear assur-

ances from President Nasser that, regardless of the dispute, world shipping will not be hindered.

This will probably be coupled with a proposal that a new international company be set up to maintain the canal and supervise traffic through it.

An international conference to consider the situation may also be suggested.

All three Western powers have now stated that they cannot accept Egypt's arbitrary seizure of the canal company 12 years before its concession was due to end.

And the feeling of Western diplomats is that the right of free international navigation in the canal cannot be left vulnerable to the decision of Egypt alone.

Only an internationally recognised authority could ensure that shipping would not be stopped as a result of some new dispute between the Western powers and Colonel Nasser. It is held.

It is accepted here that the big test will come when the shipping companies refuse to pay transit dues to the Egyptian state company, as they are almost certain to do shortly.

If Egypt then stops shipping from passing through the canal the issue will come to a head. One proposal under close study here is the possibility of a diversion of Western ships around South Africa.

M. Pineau was returning to Paris after tonight's meeting and would come back to London tomorrow for further three-power talks. — China Mail Special.

CONFUSION IN PORT SAID

Port Said, July 30. Barclays Bank here announced today it had been instructed by the Egyptian authorities to halt all dealings in foreign currency.

The announcement threw commercial transactions into confusion. The merchants, agents and importers who arrange for the payment of dues, handle Suez Canal cargoes and provide bunkering facilities virtually ceased all formal business.

Ships continued on their unhindered and unimpeded way through the newly-nationalised canal.

The sub-manager of Barclays Bank, Port Said branch, said early today that orders had been received from the Egyptian authorities that "no foreign currency transactions whatsoever can be concluded."

Complete Halt

Though the bank opened its doors before normal hours today, all foreign currency transactions were halted and businessmen were told that no drafts or remittances outside Egypt could be made.

The business community here speculated that the flow of imports from the outside world would come to a complete halt in a few days, as settlement for goods arriving in Egypt could not be made.

Shipping agents sought a confirmation of the order in Cairo and London, but by tonight they still did not have it. The manager of a British shipping agency said that if the new currency order was confirmed, all business would stop in this commercial port where all Suez Canal dues are collected and through which millions of tons of freight pass each year.

So Foolish?

"But I cannot believe that the Egyptian authorities are so foolish as to allow this to happen. I believe the order must have been misinterpreted and that the confusion will be cleared up in a few days," he said.

Other banks could not confirm Barclays' instructions. An Arab bank said the order concerned foreign currency applied only to the sterling bloc. The Barclays' sub-manager said the order had been tele-

phoned to him from Cairo before the bank opened.

The order would also apply to the £E78 which residents have been allowed to take out of the country for their annual leaves in Europe or elsewhere.

In Dollars

It was learned authoritatively that the new nationalised Suez Canal authority tonight began asking shipping concerns outside the sterling area whether the canal dues could in future be remitted in American dollars or Swiss francs and if possible paid direct to Cairo.

If the foreign currency block were confirmed, it would cut off the flow of goods into almost every country in the world.

In the first four months of this year, according to official figures, Egypt imported 1,272,886 tons of goods valued at £E70,408,813.

She received 71,634 tons worth £E9,436,821 from Britain. Imports from Britain and the rest of the world were higher than in the first few months of 1955.—Reuter.

side Al Quahar here. It is due to be checked by an Egyptian officer tomorrow and loaded on Wednesday.

Loading has already been delayed 48 hours because of a misunderstanding between ship's officers and the Royal Naval armaments depot, naval sources said.

British instructors are teaching the Egyptian ships company the use of the destroyers' weapons.—Reuter.

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Wants \$200,000
For Broken Leg

New York, July 30. A Miami Beach life operator, who sustained a broken leg in the Andrea Doria disaster on her way home from a European vacation, today filed the first damage suit resulting from the accident.

Nancy Leon, 33, filed a suit charging negligence and carelessness in the operation of the Andrea Doria and the Stockholm. She sought \$100,000 cash from the Italian Line and the Swedish Line claiming both failed to keep their vessels in seaworthy condition.—United Press.

'In God We Trust'

Gettysburg, July 30. President Eisenhower today signed into law a Congressional resolution making "In God we trust" the official motto of the United States.—Reuter.

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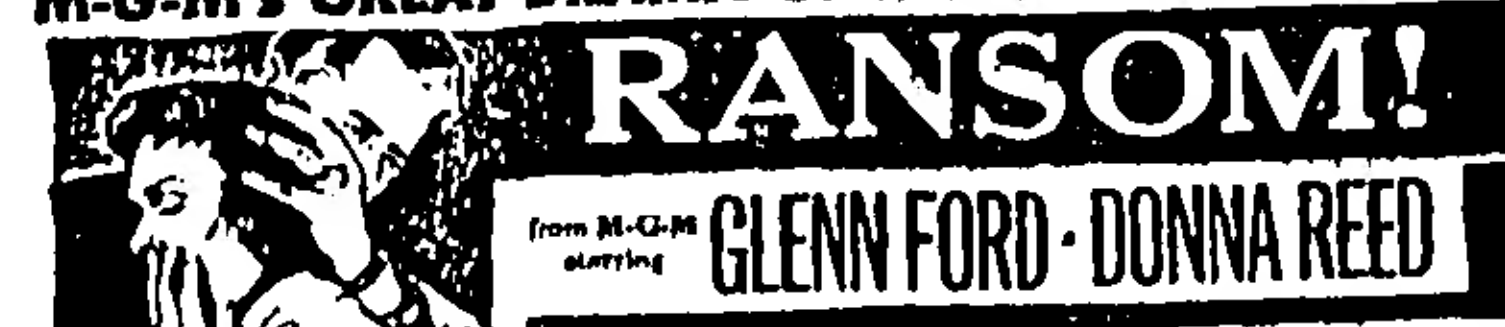
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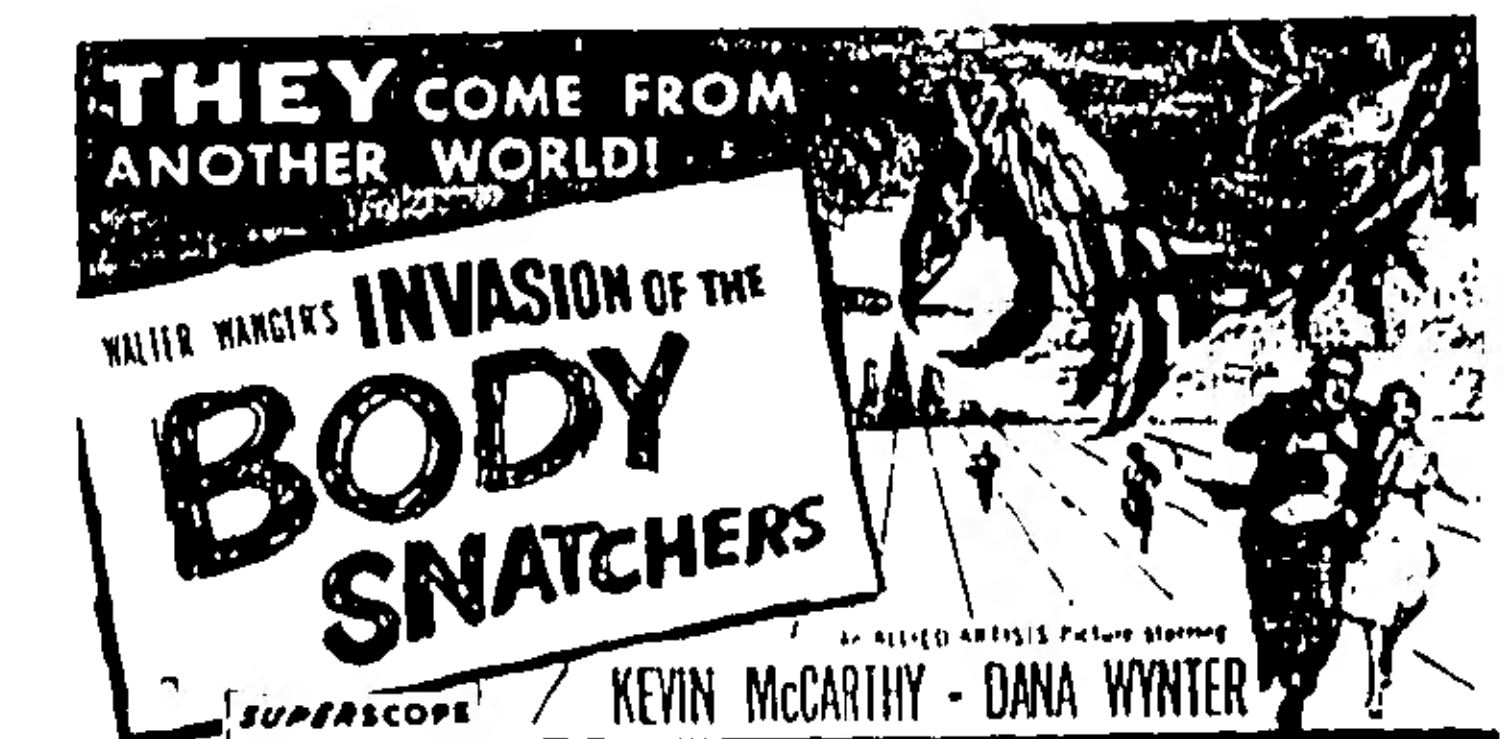
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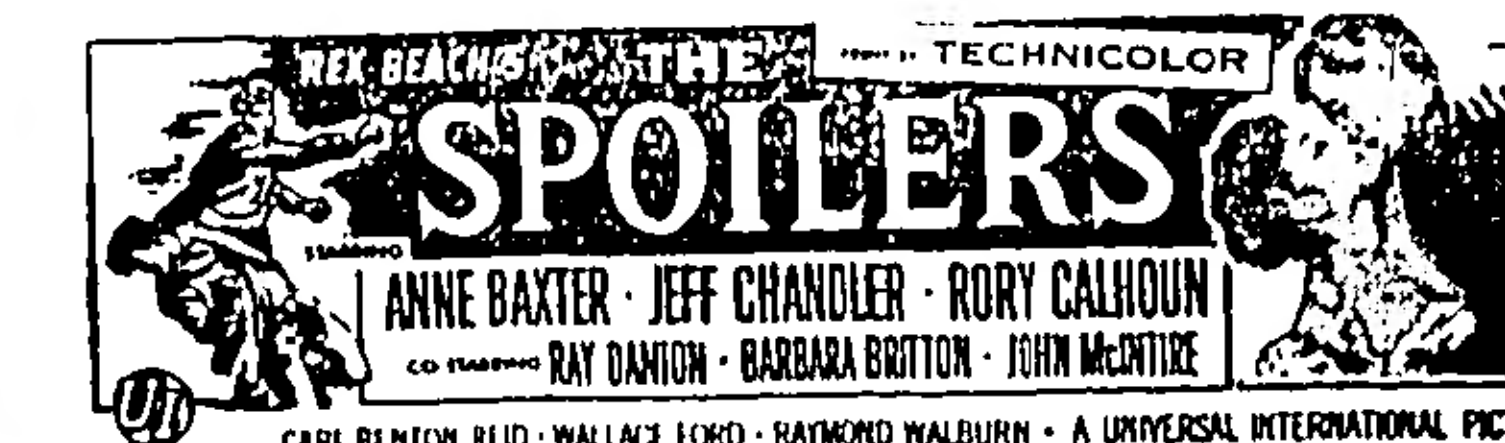


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OLIVIA HAS A BABY



Hollywood actress Olivia de Havilland, 40, pictured with her French journalist husband Pierre Gillette and new baby daughter Gisele at the American Hospital in Paris. — Express Photo.

General Investigates Alleged Complaints

Singapore, July 30.

Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Wells, Chief of the Australian General Staff, returned to Singapore today after inspecting Australian troops in action in Northern Malaya and looking into complaints that some of the men were discontented.

In an airport interview, General Wells said he would not comment immediately on Malayan newspaper allegations of discontent among troops but planned to issue a statement.

General Wells also said the 28th British Commonwealth Brigade, the Commonwealth's strategic reserve in Southeast Asia, had drawn up plans to conduct a field exercise.

The brigade is made up of Australian, British and New Zealand troops.

General Wells said the exercise would be held "when it can be fitted in."

The General leaves Singapore this week for the conference of Commonwealth chiefs of staff in England. — Reuters.

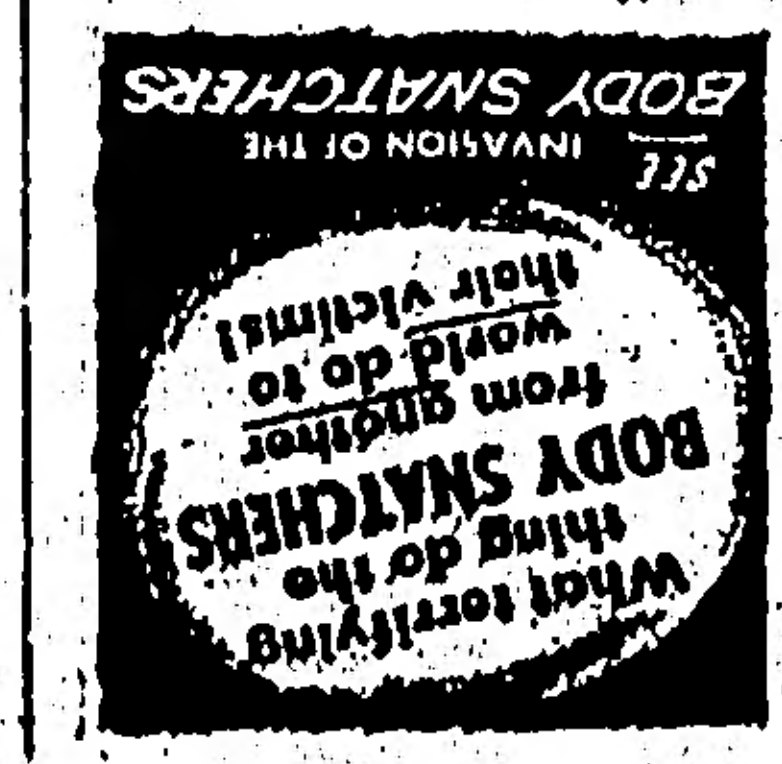
Murder Trial Figure Reported Ill

Hollywood, July 30. The former Broadway beauty, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, 71, central figure in the sensational 1900 Stanford White murder trial, was reported still in "serious" condition today at the Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital.

Mrs Thaw was sent to hospital on Friday for the second time in 45 days. She suffered a cerebral stroke on June 9.

She was a Broadway show-girl when her husband, Harry Thaw, shot and killed Stanford White in the Madison Square Garden Supper Club. Thaw testified at his trial that he shot White because "he ruined my wife."

Mrs Thaw came to California several years ago and has been working as an art instructor and sculptress. The story of her life was filmed as "The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing." — United Press.



PILOTLESS BOMBER CONTRACT

Washington, July 30.

The United States Navy announced today the signing of a contract for the industrial construction of the Regulus I, a pilotless bomber which will have a greater speed and flying range than the present Regulus I.

The Regulus I has a flying range of 500 miles and the speed of sound. It is already in service on four US cruisers, two submarines and four aircraft carriers, and can also be launched from any coastal base.

The launching ramps of the Regulus I can be used for launching the new model. The \$12,000,000 contract was given to Chance Vought Aircraft, Incorporated, of Dallas, Texas. — France-Press.

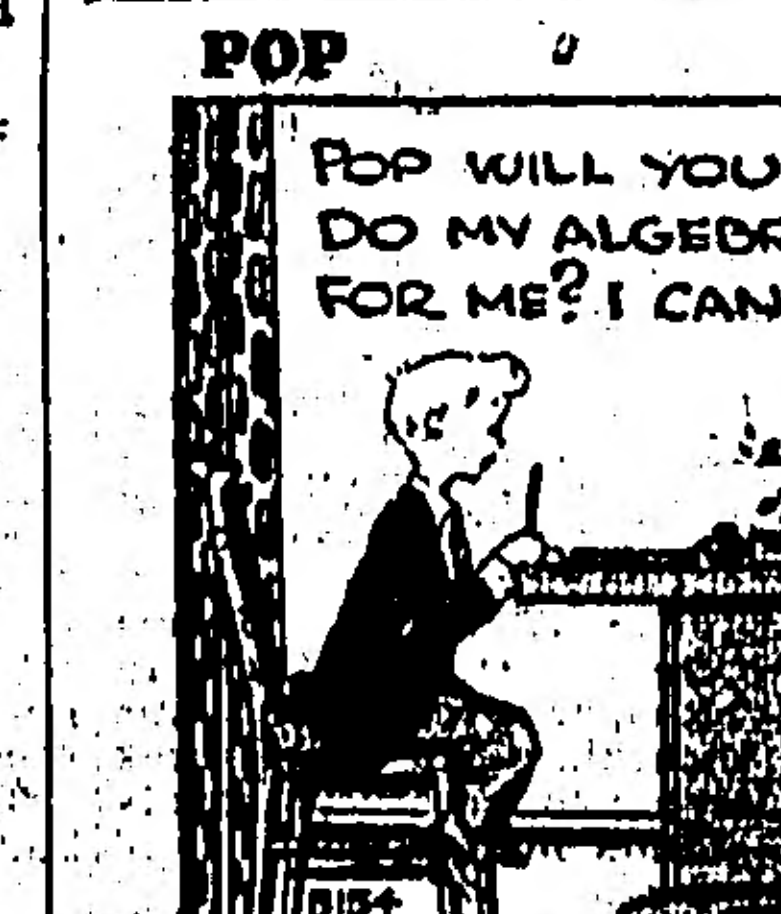
Tito Visits Dalmation Island

Belgrade, July 30.

President Tito today landed on the central Dalmation Island of Korcula on his return home from a five-day visit to Corfu as guest of the King and Queen of Greece.

He spent the day touring villages on Korcula after disembarking from the 5,700-ton naval training ship Galeb (Seagull) which took him to Corfu.

He later boarded the Galeb again and left for Split. A visit to Korcula was not on President Tito's programme but he decided last night he would like to see round the island as he had never spent any time there before. — Reuters.



HOW TO STAY ALIVE IN CYPRUS

Paper Publishes Secret British Tips

Nicosia, July 30.

A Turkish paper today published a copy of secret British document to Britons on the island on "how to stay alive."

The article said: "Shooting in the back is an Eoka speciality and as last week saw several savage attacks on peaceful, law-abiding citizens, we give our readers a few tips."

Another such shooting occurred today, in the middle of Nicosia's main Metaxas Square barely 20 yards from British gun positions.

Extremists shot and critically wounded a Greek Cypriot. It was the second attack on him. To avoid such attacks, the Turkish newspaper article offered 11 hints. The "tips" in the English-language paper Ahkkin Sesi (Voice of the People), were:

Carry Revolvers

1. Always carry loaded revolvers.

2. Avoid as far as possible travelling over fixed routes.

3. Avoid routine habits such as calling at a particular place at a particular time.

4. Keep your eyes open for people lurking near the office or the house when you enter or leave.

5. Be constantly on the alert when youths on bicycles are in your vicinity.

6. If on foot, avoid the centre of the road, pay particular attention to corners and bear in mind attacks can come from rooftops.

7. Always remember that a potential assailant can study you without your knowledge and always has that advantage. Habit may destroy you.

8. Never answer the door at night with the light on and look at the caller through slits in the door or from the window, keeping under cover.

9. Check your telephone frequently.

Back Exits

10. Use side and back exits from the house—but never the same one twice. Open the door quickly and slip out into the darkness. Accustom your eyes to the darkness.

11. Finally, if you catch a terrorist, please be humane and don't make him suffer—shoot the — United Press.

ESCAPE ARTIST

Capetown, July 30.

Stanford Isaac, aged 20, who had escaped five times was sentenced to a total of two years' imprisonment and six strokes in the Wynberg Regional Court on charges of housebreaking and theft.

He escaped for the sixth time when being taken from the court to the Roeland Street Gaol soon after receiving sentence. — China Mail Special.

Burns' Record Sufficient Denial Of Charge

Ottawa, July 30.

THE Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, said today that Major-General E. L. M. Burns' record is sufficient denial of any charge that he had not been impartial in his job as United Nations truce chief in Palestine.

He was commending in the House of Commons on a report from Amman, Jordan, that the Arab states wanted him replaced.

A Jordanian Government spokesman charged General

WANTED MAN WAS IN GAOL

Ahmedabad, July 30. Police who searched for a wanted man for three and a half years have found him at last—serving a sentence in a local gaol under a different name. — China Mail Special.

UK Students To Help Red Harvest

London, July 30.

A group of British student will arrive in the Soviet Union next week to help with the harvest drive in the virgin lands of the Kazakhstan, the Soviet news agency Tass reported today.

About 200,000 Soviet youths and students from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Rumania are expected to join the British students, sent through arrangements with the National Students Union of Britain, the agency said.

They will spend about 20 days in the harvest work.

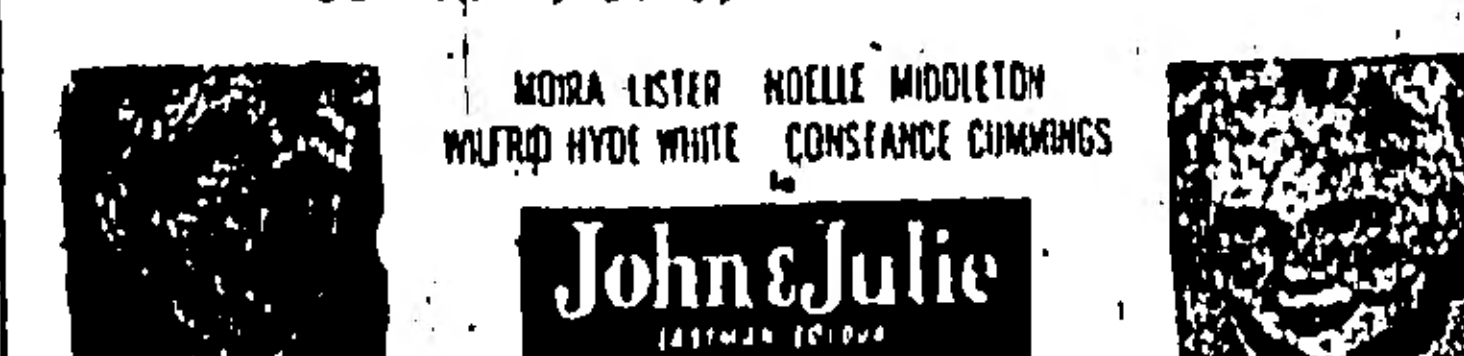
VARIETY OF GOODS

Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist Party chief, who has been touring the virgin lands of Kazakhstan, has told collective farmers they must not confine themselves to production of grain but must also produce a variety of goods including milk, meat, vegetables and fruit.

"You will be getting this year millions in income and you ought to be thinking of building beautiful houses and well-appointed cultural institutions so that the external aspect of your village will be up to the standard of a Socialist settlement," Mr. Khrushchev told a village meeting. — China Mail Special.

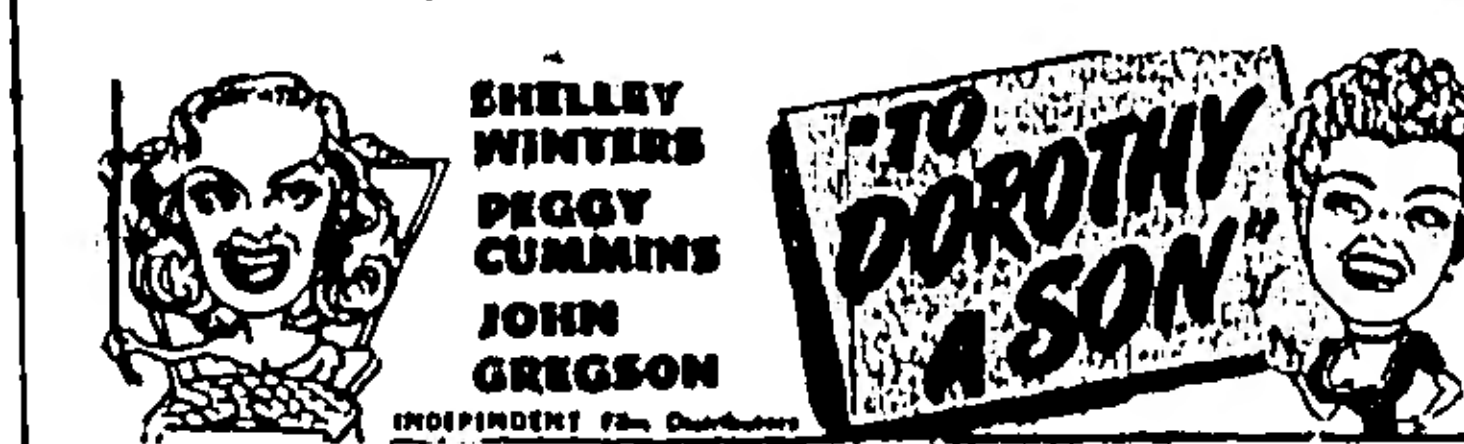
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US Inquiry Into Andrea Doria

**Nasser Says
He Is
Striving
For Peace**

Berlin, July 30.
President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt told President Wilhelm Pieck, of East Germany in a telegram today that Egypt was striving "for the maintenance of peace and the well-being of all nations."

The telegram, quoted by the East German news agency ADN, was in reply to President Pieck's congratulations on Egypt's national holiday.

President Nasser said: "I wish the German people and its government glory and happiness with all my heart. I am confident that the bonds of friendship which exist between both lands will assume even closer forms in the coming years. Egypt fervently desires to make its full contribution to the maintenance of peace and the well-being of all nations."

Colonel Nasser's phrase "the German people and its government," as quoted by ADN, surprised observers here, since of the two German governments Egypt has officially recognized only one, the West German.

AFRICAN PEAKS SCALED

Brazzaville, July 30.
Three French Alpinists have climbed the Ruwenzori and Margaria peaks in the mountains of the Congo, which separate Uganda from the Belgian Congo, according to reports reaching here.

The peaks, both over 5,000 metres, are among the highest in Africa.

The same team, consisting of Bernard Piarre, Henri Bouchet and J.O. Gardiner, climbed the same peaks last year from the Uganda side. This time they approached from the Belgian Congo.

They planted the Italian flag at the summit of Margaria, to commemorate the first conquest of the peak by an Italian team in 1906, and a Belgian flag on Ruwenzori, which was first climbed by a Belgian team in 1932.

The Alpinists had the advantage of exceptionally good weather for their climb. Sixteen porters went with them up to 4,000 metres. — China Mail Special.

Disaster SAFETY STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION TO BE PROBED

Washington, July 30.

Chairman Herbert C. Bonner announced today that a House Merchant Marine Sub-committee will go to New York on Wednesday to begin an investigation of last week's ship collision.

Bonner said the investigation will start with a viewing of the damaged Swedish ship, the Stockholm, now docked at the Bethlehem Ship Building Yard in Brooklyn. The Stockholm collided with the Italian luxury liner Andrea Doria off Nantucket Island last Wednesday night.

Sub-committee source said no detailed programme of the House investigation has been worked out. Nine congressmen are members of the Sub-committee.

Main Questions

The investigation was authorized by the House shortly before it adjourned on Friday night.

The investigators plan to look into three main questions:

1. The adequacy of existing passenger ship construction standards.
2. The adequacy of navigation and warning devices including radar now used.
3. The "facts and circumstances" surrounding the collision.

A committee source said the law makers were "interested" in getting answers to eight specific questions:

1. Since the Andrea Doria was built to the standards of the American Bureau of Shipping, what examination and inspection was made during construction?
2. How closely did the US Coast Guard and American Bureau of Shipping collaborate in the construction?
3. Did the Stockholm and Andrea Doria conform with the 1948 International Convention for safety of life at sea?
4. To what extent do the Coast Guard and the American Bureau of Shipping standards conform to the 1948 convention?
5. Does last week's collision point to the need for changes in safety standards in construction and navigation rules and are inspection procedures adequate to determine compliance?
6. Would the higher standards of American ships reduce the total loss of such a collision?
7. Are safety standards required for American ships in addition to the international convention on requirements high on night?

Need For Changes?

Referring to small peddlers and stallholders, the directive said that they will organize into co-operative groups on a voluntary basis step by step.

State enterprises and marketing and supply co-operatives will serve as wholesalers for these co-operative groups and raise loans from the bank for them. The incomes of the small traders and peddlers must be guaranteed, the directive concluded. — France-Press.

State-Private Enterprise Transformation

Paris, July 30.

Radio Peking announced that the transformation of capitalist and individual management into State-private enterprises and co-operatives was "a fundamental change of production relationship and a great victory in Socialist transformation."

The radio announced tonight a directive issued by the State Council, which takes into consideration the various proposals discussed and agreed by the recent third session of the National People's Congress.

This directive fixed interest rates on private capital investments in joint State-private enterprises at five per cent basic, which may be exceeded in some cases.

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Dulles Calls Off Press Conference

Washington, July 30.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, has cancelled his regular weekly press conference tomorrow, the State Department announced today.

No reason was given other than that Mr. Dulles has a "crowded schedule," according to official spokesmen.

Among other appointments, he is to meet Mr. Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, at the airport here tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Dulles normally holds his half-hour press conferences on Tuesday mornings. Officials said it was possible that he would send for reporters later in the week, but no plans for this had yet been made. — Reuters.

Disarmament Appeal

Moscow, July 30.

Mr. Eugene Kisselov, the Soviet Ambassador to Egypt, today saw Dr. Fawzi El Mulky, the Jordanian Ambassador to Egypt, and handed him the Supreme Soviet's appeal to the world's parliaments for disarmament, the Soviet news Agency said. — Reuters.



The engagement is expected to be announced shortly between 25-year-old King Baudouin of Belgium and Princess Isabelle of France, 24-year-old daughter of the Comte de Paris, pretender to the French Throne. The couple are pictured here. — Express Photo.

Czech Premier Calls For Higher Norms

Prague, July 30.

The Czechoslovak Prime Minister, Mr. Viliam Siroky, called for higher output norms for industrial workers and warned against "unplanned" wage rises in a speech to the National Assembly today.

He also said Czechoslovakia would "deem it useful" to conclude a non-aggression pact with West Germany and repeated an earlier offer to open diplomatic relations with her.

He dealt with international and internal foreign affairs in his speech which lasted for nearly three hours.

Mr. Siroky told deputies that there was a pressing need to introduce "technically substantiated norms," which would correspond to the level of production technology and organization that had been achieved.

Norms Surpassed

In most branches of industry, present norms were far surpassed, and this caused a number of economic difficulties.

The gradual introduction of new norms would be accompanied by a raising of wage tariffs to ensure that workers' wages would not drop but would rise with increased productivity.

He promised a gradual improvement in the wage system, but warned that "an ill-considered, unplanned and spontaneous linear raising of wages would be dangerous. He revealed that wage funds in some industries were overdrawn last May, and said that in the future the planned ratio between the increase in wages and productivity must be maintained everywhere.

Otherwise, Mr. Siroky said, the Czechoslovak currency would become devalued and living standards would be seriously affected.

In his review of foreign affairs, Mr. Siroky warned that "imperialist reaction" was trying to divide the Socialist camp, and particularly to weaken relations between people's democracies and the Soviet Union.

These circles had hoped that a visit to Poland earlier this month by a Czechoslovak Government delegation "might hide such a trend." But they were mistaken because Czechoslovak-Polish co-operation strengthened the unity of the Socialist camp and their common love for the Soviet Union.

Protect Frontier

He also said Czechoslovakia had to protect her frontier against "Western imperialist agents" attempting to cross into Czechoslovakia after being sent through neutral Austria.

"The forces of international imperialism" were trying to activate and expand their network of agents in Czechoslovakia, he declared. — China Mail Special.

London, July 30.
A member of a Polish dance group that toured Great Britain has asked for asylum in the United Kingdom. It was learned here today.

The dancer stayed behind in London when the dance group returned to Poland last Tuesday. — France-Press.

Engagement Rumoured

Malayan Industrial Unrest Causes Unions Concern

Kuala Lumpur, July 30.

A delegation of trade unionists today expressed their concern over Malaya's industrial situation at a meeting with the Minister for Labour, Mr. V. T. Sambanthan, government sources said.

The delegation represented the moderate Malayan Trade Union Council and was led by the MTUC President, Mr. P. P. Narayanan.

Mr. Narayanan is also General Secretary of the powerful moderate National Union of Plantation Workers.

Government sources said that Mr. Sambanthan told the delegation that the Government was watching the present industrial situation in Malaya "very closely."

Left-Wing Union

Today's meeting followed a meeting yesterday at Taiping of left-wing union leaders.

The meeting at Taiping began a move to form a breakaway group from the MTUC.

Organisers of the meeting at Taiping claimed that it represented 50,000 unionists. — Reuters.

MP Against Seato Navy Exercises

London, July 30.

Mr. Stephen Davies, a Labour left-winger, today urged the Foreign Secretary to reconsider the "decision" that Britain should take part in the large-scale combined naval exercises of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation powers.

He said the exercises were to take place shortly in the Gulf of Siam and that they would "add to international tension."

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, replied: "No decision to hold such exercises has in fact been taken. But I should also make it clear that the Government does not accept Mr. Davies' premise." — Reuters.



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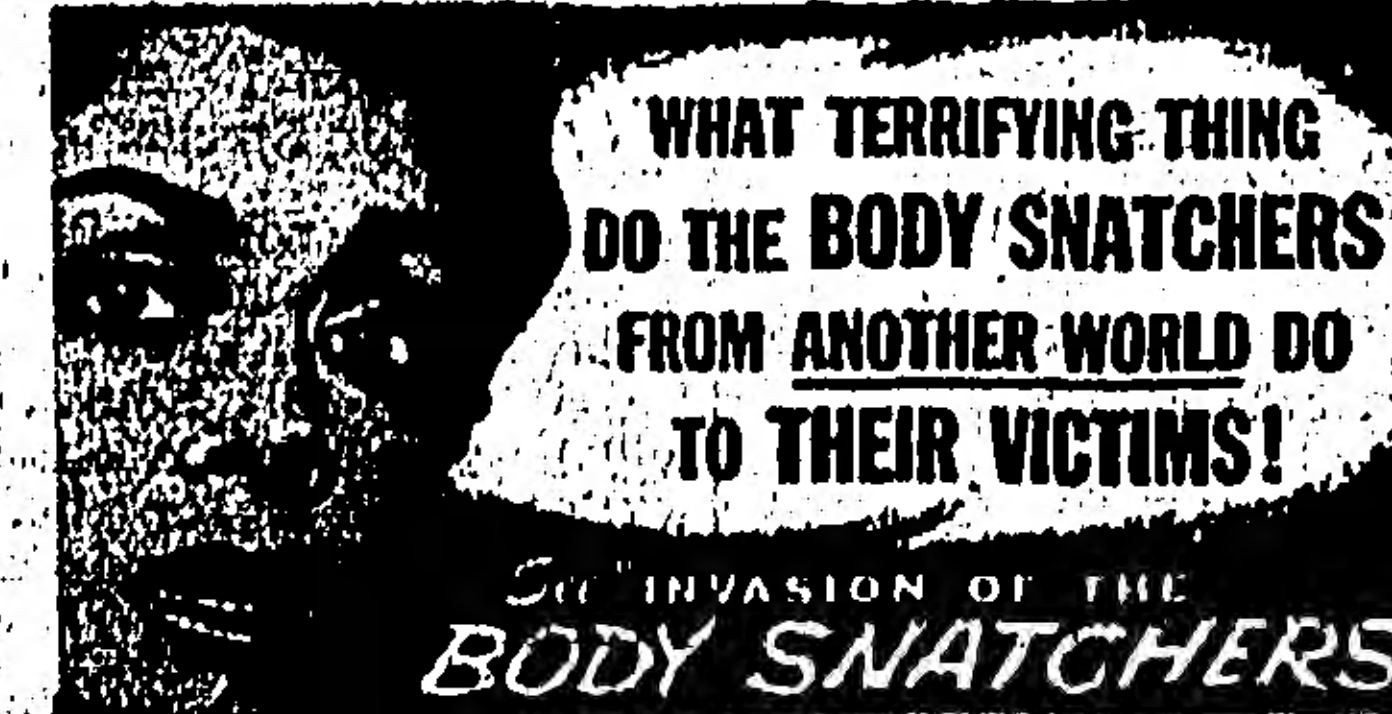
1 Conqueror (8).
5 Buckets (5).
8 William, perhaps (4).
9 Card suit (6).
11 Piece (5).
12 Servant (6).
14 Meditate (4).
16 Works hard (5).
18 Sharp (5).
19 Microbe (4).
20 Likeness (6).
24 Broadside (5).
25 Colour (6).
26 Employ (4).
27 Catalogues (5).
28 Gilets (6).

DOWN

1 Huge (4).
2 Staff (4).
3 Frank (4).
4 Dwell (6).
6 Cleric (7).
7 Meantime (7).
10 First appearance (5).
13 Sunshine (7).
14 Speaks indistinctly (7).
15 Grave (7).
17 Command (5).
18 Fruit (6).
21 Spout (4).
22 Rotate (4).
23 Disorder (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Rarity, 4 Tired, 7 Gushed, 8 Edict, 10 Turf, 12 Implore, 13 Aroma, 16 Even, 17 Arla, 19 Prono, 20 Singlet, 21 Truck, 23 Rock, 24 Remains, 25 Birth, 26 Adhere. Down: 1 Regatta, 2 Rotten, 3 Tied, 5 Indolent, 6 Encore, 9 Smart, 11 Fragrant, 12 Impat, 13 Over-ure, 14 Enceble, 16 Riddle, 22 Deed.

**WHAT TERRIFYING THING
DO THE BODY SNATCHERS
FROM ANOTHER WORLD DO
TO THEIR VICTIMS!**



**THE INVASION OF THE
BODY SNATCHERS**

MR. CASSERLEY TAKES OVER SHAW'S CORNER

By KENNETH ALLSOP

SHAW'S CORNER — Socialist, George Bernard Shaw's house at Ayot St Lawrence which the National Trust found to be a worrisome red elephant—has at last got a tenant. Into the stronghold of old-style Socialism is moving a New Conservative—a 29-year-old Tory named Christopher Casserley.

Casserley is The Man in the Grey Flannel Suit. That is what he wears, and along with it go the attitudes of the 1956 bris young businessman. He is a Fleet Street public relations executive who said to me over a gin-and-tonic: "Now that I've got my family background settled I can bond all my energies to becoming a capitalist."

NO RESEMBLANCE

And to make clear that no other resemblance between the old occupier (tobacco-hater, abstainer, vegetarian and atheist) exists, he added: "Also I smoke, drink, eat meat and am a Catholic."

Casserley, wife, two children and mother move into Shaw's Corner next month. So ends the National Trust's protracted efforts to disambarrass themselves of a burden that landed in their lap with a dull, empty thud in 1944.

Shaw left no endowment for its upkeep. In 1951, the first year of its opening to the public, nearly 18,000 visitors paid 2s. a head. After that the literary shrine's gate slumped and the memorial appeal for £250,000 was abandoned after only £400 had been subscribed in 11 months.

So last year the Trust decided to let the house. At first there were 70 applicants. These thinned down to one, an American who, after falling four times in 12 months to turn up to sign the seven-year lease, changed his mind.

SHAW REVIVAL

At that juncture Casserley, who now lives near Herts, applied and was accepted. For an annual rent of £175, plus £92 rates, he gets this six-bedroomed hunk of Victorian (graceless, but solid as Lenin's tomb) and four acres of land. But for the Casserleys Saturday will be the conducted tour day when they will have to show visitors around the study and summer house (still just as Shaw used them) and gardens.

Casserley does not view that chore with dismay, however, for he will get a cut of the takings and he said with the zestful confidence of a publicity expert: "The coming Shaw revival is going to get plenty of support from me."

The National Trust reckon that with this rent and their share of the gate receipts they can stem the steady drain that the house has been on their resources. To give the Casserleys unfurnished tenancy Shaw's triumph furniture, his Victorian bric-a-brac, his little upright piano, his Panama hats, are all being moved out. A scheme under consideration is to re-constitute the rooms elsewhere as a Shawian museum.

MOSTLY LAWN

Upkeep of the four-acre garden will be the Casserleys' responsibility. "We shall have a man in but it's mostly lawn, thank goodness."

It is not quite in a spirit of pilgrimage that the Casserleys are moving into Shaw's Corner. They have a good set of practical reasons. "We want our two little boys to grow up in the country—as individuals and not as carbon copies of other people. Also I like English village life, and that's not easy to come by

when your living is in London. Therefore, I think we're pretty lucky."

"Only one hour from London yet in real country. And being an extremely rich revolutionary, Shaw had the house magnificently equipped—even the garage can take a fleet of cars and has an inspection pit and work-benches. We're doing a bit of redecorating—the kitchen quarters look a bit like a 19th-century workhouse—but generally the house is in wonderful condition. Our total outgoings will be only £4 a week."

NARROW LANES

His wife Pamela is not perturbed by the isolation of this little Hertfordshire hamlet in a network of narrow green lanes, nor by its lack of a bus service, for she herself grew up in the country. Arrangements have already been made for Mark

(5) and Timothy (3½) to attend a convent school in Harpenden, four miles away.

But does this self-described "Conservative crusader" (he previously worked for the Conservative Central Office and was Tory whip on the Chelsea Borough Council until 1954) find the lingering fumes of Fabianism hard to breathe?

SELF-CONFIDENCE

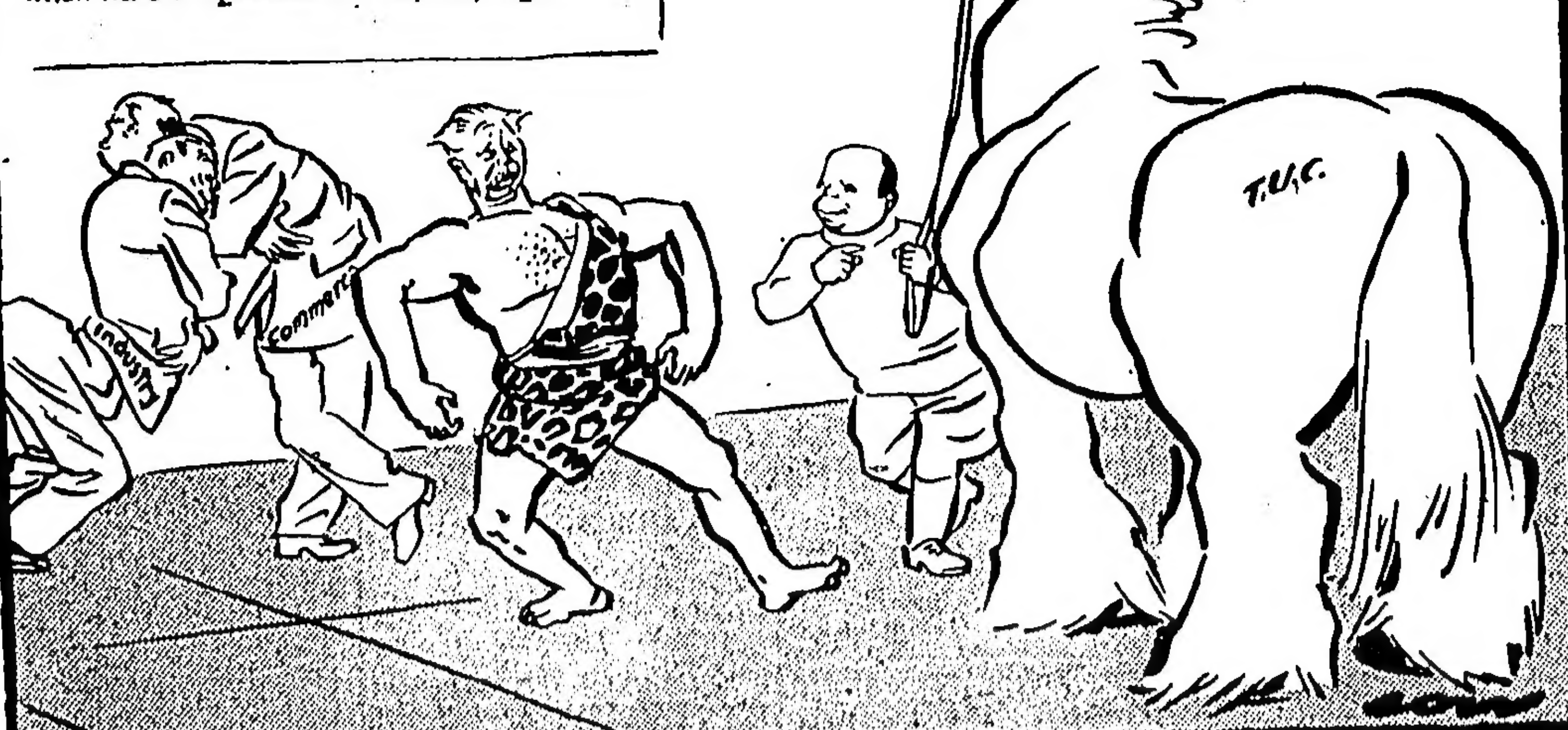
Not a bit. "The atmosphere of Shaw fills the whole place," he told me.

"If you're a chap who puts words on paper, you have to have a brassy self-confidence. So I can't think of anywhere more suitable to live."

"After all"—he smiled—"I'm feeling a bit low about something I'm trying to write. I can walk in the study, take a look at that illuminated Nobel Award and the Oscar he got for Pygmalion, and go back and start again."

HAROLD TARZAN WORLD CHAMP SQUEEZER

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WILL MR MILLER REWRITE THE MONROE STORY?

Marilyn Monroe is now in Britain. With her is a question mark called Arthur Miller, playwright, thinker and husband...the man who could—and might—reshape the life of America's film goddess

By MILTON SHULMAN

THE invitation asked Marilyn Monroe to be a guest of honour at a "political-whining-and-hamburger-fry" being given by the Speaker and Democratic Members of the Arizona House of Representatives. Highballs and beer would be served.

But Marilyn, who was in Arizona making her latest picture, "Bus Stop," was not enthusiastic about accepting. "I don't wanna get mixed up in politics," she said, chewing fiercely on some gum.

The press agent of 20th Century-Fox, who had been urging her to go, shrugged his shoulders in despair. He had been talking for about five minutes non-stop trying to impress her with the importance of her attending this "political-whining-fry."

Tax reform

The occasion, he pointed out, was something more than just an orgy of frying hamburgers. The Democrats, who controlled the Arizona legislature, were introducing a tax reform bill which would make it much easier for Hollywood to make films in Arizona. Marilyn's presence at the party would be merely a gesture of Hollywood's gratitude.

"There's really no politics involved because the Republicans don't object to the bill," said the press agent, urgently. "And remember it's the Government of the State of Arizona that's concerned in this."

"First thing is the picture and not the State of Arizona," was Marilyn's laconic reply.

The press agent tried a new tack. "Look," he said, pleadingly, "this tax thing is terribly important to the Johnson Office." The Johnson Office, one of whose responsibilities is film censorship, represents all the American film producers.

Certain

"Well," said Marilyn, "if the Johnson Office lets me lower my neckline, I might go." But she never did.

It seems certain, however, that one of the consequences of Marilyn's marriage to left-wing playwright, Arthur Miller, is that she will no longer be able to adopt so casual an approach to politics.

Neither her pneumatic talents nor her political naivety are now likely to insulate her from the howling gales of political controversy. When a sex symbol of this stature weds a political scapegoat of this prominence a resultant shoal of red herrings is probably inevitable. Some American journalists have already detected sinister signals in Marilyn's long-felt desire to act in "The Brothers Karamazov."

Suspicious

Potentially this marriage could have serious repercussions on the careers of both Miller and Monroe. American public opinion, fickle and suspicious, does not like to have to change its preconceived ideas about its film goddesses.

Monroe photographed reading Spinoza while having a bubble-bath is the kind of intellectual activity expected of dumb blondes. It is good for laughs and helps sell films. But Monroe marrying a man who can

actually quote Spinoza is carrying the joke too far.

And, too, there is something embarrassing about having the girl whose pin-up pictures have been liberally scattered among American servicemen as a morale-boosting example of American womanhood becoming the wife of a man who is being investigated for un-American activities.

Annoyed

Audiences might feel annoyed, or even betrayed, by a film star who has been voted "The Woman Most Likely to Thrive Out Alaska" falling in love with a man who may be cited for contempt of Congress.

On the other hand, Miller has his problems. The fact that he is America's leading playwright has not saved him from headlines which refer to him as "Mr. Marilyn Monroe." Somewhat of a social recluse he is not likely to relish being mobbed by fans, being dogged by Hollywood publicity and being dwarfed by the voluptuous shadow of his wife.

And amongst Miller's intellectual friends the news must have had somewhat the same impact that English literary circles might feel if they dis-

IF SO, WHAT ABOUT Mr GREENE?

Milton Greene (pictured above), the photographer, said to be the driving power behind Marilyn Monroe Productions Incorporated.



his is the voice likely to tell you Marilyn is too busy to see you; at interviews he is the figure in the corner pouring drinks. He runs Marilyn Monroe Productions on the whispering basis of a dark conspiracy. Getting to see Monroe has been recognised in America as one of the most difficult feats in journalism. Layers and layers of press agents, secretaries and stooges have to be peeled off before the golden kernel is finally reached.

He has taste

Milton Greene and Marilyn first met when he came to take some photographs of her for an American magazine. Marilyn liked his work and they decided they had many views in common. "He has taste and a wonderful business sense," Marilyn told me. When I asked Mr Greene what he felt were his qualifications for the exacting task of film production, he agreed with Marilyn's assessment of his abilities. "I got intelligence and taste," he said to me, "and you can't buy that in a candy store."

But although he thought he could advise Marilyn on business, he hastened to assure me that he wasn't a business man. "What I don't know, I ask," he said.

And on the more demanding question of what films Marilyn ought to make in the future, President Monroe was quite sure where Vice-President Greene stood. "I would listen to his advice about a film script, but I wouldn't necessarily take it," she said. "I make up my own mind about everything."

Success

Having seen them often together I have no doubt as to who is the real Svengali of this relationship. And it is not Mr Greene. Undoubtedly the partnership has already achieved considerable success. But the big decisions come from Marilyn herself.

Well, how does Mr Miller fit into all this? With his background of theatrical knowledge there is no doubt that he will have forceful views about the kind of work Marilyn should now be doing. And he is likely to bolster up her own ambitions about going on the stage.

Mr Milton Greene may, soon then, find that he has two Svengalis on his hands rather than just one.

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RUSSIANS TRY BOARDING SCHOOLS IN EDUCATIONAL REVOLUTION

From DONALD EDGAR

THE first boarding schools in Russia are opening in four weeks' time—and it is a measure which will have a profound effect on the future of Russia.

The first will be in the Moscow area and will take children between the ages of seven and 12. Education will be free, but a charge will be made for board, according to the parents' income.

This scheme will not mean the emergence of an English-

style public school system in the Soviet Union.

The frankly stated intention is to give the children a first-class education, with an emphasis on political education. It is hoped to produce good Party workers thereby.

This new method of education is being introduced for several reasons. First is the dissatisfaction of the leaders with present-day youth. There has been considerable juvenile delinquency and teenage crime. This generation of Russian youth has turned away from work and self-sacrifice to

having a good time. They are tired of expending jam to-morrow. They want jam to-day.

This has created a tremendously serious problem for the Communist Party, and what they have decided on is nothing less than a revolution.

In the boarding schools it will be much easier to discipline the whole life and outlook of the children. Their leisure will be organised as well as their work.

The first groups of children to be taken will be those with special problems—rather orphans, children from un-

satisfactory homes, children from families where both parents are out working.

It is typical of the Soviet regime that resources are being found to make boarding schools. Probably the West would say that since this is to a great extent a problem of bad housing, the best thing would be to build new homes until every family had a house or flat of its own.

But there is a more fundamental argument. It may be that ordinary human nature is asserting itself among the young people, and that nothing less than the strict discipline of a boarding school will enable the Party to produce its leaders for the future.

SPORTS SPECTRUM

Meet The Professional Amateur—Or Should It Be Amateur Professional

May I ask a couple of reaching questions?

What is an amateur? Who is morally entitled to compete in, arrange, or in any way administer, an event intended for unpaid participants?

These questions are stimulated by recent comment on the status of some of the hard-working members of our sporting community whose efforts are apparently being held up as infringements of the so-called amateur code—strange and elastic as the code has become in these complex and complicated days.

A well-intending athlete recently submitted an entry for the walk round Hongkong Island but, on the grounds that it was an amateur event and he was barred by being an erstwhile professional boxer, his entry was not accepted.

Later he pointed out that while he had been debarré because of his past association with a professional sport, an entry had been accepted from a lady who admitted to being a professional vocalist.

The subtle impression was, of course, that boxing and singing—as far as the skill was concerned—were both far enough from walking to have been overlooked.

I am sure the sportsman who made this neat observation did so with a twinkle in his eye and with his tongue in his cheek, but if you examine the circumstances deeply enough you will find that he has come very close—by accident or design—to a most important point.

Let me tell you of the classic case of confusion in the present amateur—professional controversy.

There is in England at the present time a brilliant young cricketer by the name of Mike Stewart. He is a batsman of exceptional ability who not only scores a lot for Surrey but also gets well paid for doing it. In other words he is a fully paid-up professional sportsman or is he?

Cricket is his summer enterprise but in the winter he plays football for the Corinthians. Surely, surely as amateur a bunch of true-blue amateurs as could be found the world over.

But that is only half of the strange Stewart saga.

Great Britain—favoured by circumstances—has been given an unexpected and, in the view of some folks, an over-generous second chance in the 1956 Olympic Games soccer competition and one of the players who has been asked if he will be available to make the trip is, yes you've guessed it, Mike Stewart.

This raises a most interesting point. According to the Olympic authorities there is absolutely nothing wrong with Stewart's appearance in the British team at Melbourne IN SPITE OF THE FACT HE WILL STILL BE ON THE SURREY PAYROLL AS A PROFESSIONAL CRICKETER.

Surely this makes the case against the boxer who aspired

to be a long distance walker look very thin indeed; surely it also emphasises in the most practical way the laugh-echoing labyrinth into which our modern purists are driving themselves.

The Olympic powers have decreed that a professional cricketer can be an amateur soccer player; how then can anyone seriously suggest that a professional boxer cannot be an amateur walker, or that a sportswriter or sports commentator cannot be connected with and work for the good of amateur sports?

Far too many people are allowing themselves to be conveniently parasites in their outlook and ultra idealistic in their comments. Points of view which are, by modern standards, unrealistic are being bandied about loosely and apparently furnished with the implication that the activities of some of our enterprising sportsmen are unethical when judged against a super purist's amateur yardstick.

It is indeed interesting to look around the Colony and take stock of the particular circumstances. We have an official of the HKFAA as a sports editor of a local newspaper; we have a former professional footballer doing a grand job as chairman of one of the most important committees of the HKFA which is after all involved in the promotion of amateur football; we have a well known sports broadcaster who is also an active amateur footballer; we have several prominent broadcasters and sports writers who are directly and indirectly connected with several local sporting organisations which boost amateur status.

Are any of them doing a disservice to amateur sport?

There is no stigma in professional status and many true sportsmen live for the day when all participants will be classed only as players and not as amateurs or professionals, even if such an innovation will prove repugnant to the narrow-minded who believe that anyone who receives payment for his skill or knowledge is tainted company.

When the critics are crying their loudest it might do them good to sit in a corner and recite the name of Mike Stewart over and over again. It would surely remind them that a professional sportsman may well be representing Great Britain in the amateur soccer competition at the Olympic Games at Melbourne later this year.

and that he will be doing so with the full knowledge and understanding of the organisers of the Games.

There is, of course, one interesting after thought. Maybe the appropriate Committee does not consider that cricket is a sport of cricketers sportsmen, and that should surely stimulate a few turnings in the deep graves of dear old England.

—B. E. JANT.

Nandu Natekar Second Foreigner To Win Malayan Badminton Title

Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, July 30.

India's top seeded Nandu Natekar today won the Men's Singles title of the Selangor International Badminton Championships when he beat Selangor's former Thomas Cup player, Abdullah Piruz, in three keenly contested sets.

The 23-year-old Bombay University student won 6-15, 15-9, 15-7.

Natekar was given an unexpected stiff fight by fourth seeded Piruz, who played his best game in the tournament.

Piruz won easily the first set against an over-cautious Natekar.

But the Indian star gradually warmed up and broke through Piruz's defence with his sound attacking play in the second set, forcing a rubber.

Matching Piruz stroke for stroke in the deciding game, Natekar outlasted his tiring opponent to win.

Natekar became the second foreigner to win a Malayan title, Indonesia's Perry Sonneville won the Malayan Singles title last year.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Indonesia's 15-year-old Miss Yang Weng-ching won the Women's Singles title by defeating Thailand's seeded Pratheung Pattabongse 11-4, 11-6.

Miss Yang played with the confidence of a veteran and at no stage of the final was she in danger of defeat.

The Indonesian Champion mixed well, used smashes with clever drop shots.

Miss Yang completed a double when she and Oei Lin-nio of Indonesia took the Women's Doubles title subduing Dilly Tan of Selangor and Pratheung Pattabongse 8-15, 15-3, 15-6.

Malayan players won the Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles titles.—Reuter.

MALAYA TO SEND SEVEN LIFTERS TO DJAKARTA

Kuala Lumpur, July 30.

The Malaysian Amateur Weightlifting Federation announced today it had selected seven weightlifters and five body builders to represent Malaya at the international weightlifting and bodybuilding meetings to be held in Djakarta on August 18 and 19.

The Malayan team will include two Gold medalists in the 1950 British Empire Games, Indonesia, Burma, China, Singapore and Malaya are taking part in the contest.—Reuter.



OLYMPIC GAMES

Given The Chance, Either Iharos Or Pirie Can Wear Zatopek's Crown

Says ALAN HOBY

Who will be Mr Superman of the Melbourne Olympics?

Will it be Hungary's master runner Sandor Iharos—the slender, red-vested ace who thinks nothing of smashing world records from 1,500 Metres to 10,000 Metres?

Four years ago, at the Helsinki Games, I watched in awe as Emil Zatopek, eyes saucering, head rolling, and arms thrashing won the 10,000 Metres, 5,000 Metres, and Marathon.

In eight unforgettable days, Zatopek—looking as if he were running on hot nails—broke three Olympic records.

He also broke everyone else.

But the old superman of '52 is now 35. He is also recovering from a hernia operation and, although he hopes to run in Australia in November, his greatest days have gone—and

his Olympic throne stands vacant.

Who then will be the Melbourne successor to such outstanding Olympic "greats" of the past as Zatopek, Jesse Owens and Paavo Nurmi?

ON EVERY COUNT

On every count the 5ft 11in., 160 lb. Iharos must come strongly into the reckoning.

With his flowing style and staggering gusts of speed the 20-year-old Magyar vies with Gordon Pirie as the greatest all-round runner in the world today.

Indeed, on his performances during the past two years, I would say that there is practically nothing (above a half mile and short of the Marathon) that Iharos has not done—and cannot do.

No idler, this rope-thin Army officer has, at one time or another, fractured no fewer than six world records. Here is the list—

One thousand five hundred Metres (3min. 40.8sec); Two Miles (8min. 33.4sec); 3,000 Metres (7min. 55.6sec); 5,000 Metres (13min. 40.6sec); Six Miles (27min. 43.8sec); 10,000 Metres (28min. 42.8sec).

Pirie, of course, scythed nearly four seconds off Iharos's 5,000 Metres mark when he won Russia's Vladimir Kuts in Norway in the new world time of 13min. 36.8sec.

Later, the 25-year-old Pirie also equalled the Iharos 3,000 Metres record. And from conversations I have had with him I know that Pirie has long nursed a special "superman" project of his own.

This entails running the Olympic 10,000 Metres, 5,000 Metres, and 1,500 Metres in roughly eight days against a potential combined field which

would include world-beaters like Iharos, Taber, Kuts, Zatopek, Chris Chataway, Landy, Hewson, Frank Sando, and goodness knows who else!

STRONG ENOUGH

"But would you be strong enough?" I queried.

"Why not? If you train hard enough, you're strong enough," was "Puff-Puff's" laconic reply.

Like Iharos, Pirie is not short of ambition.

Moreover, as he has clocked 4min. 2.2sec. for the Mile, and 3min. 43.7sec. for 1,500 Metres, there is nothing lunatic about this particular Pirie dream even if the sceptics do consider it impossible of achievement.

But although Iharos and Pirie are both physically capable of competing in three events at Melbourne, I doubt if their selectors will let them.

Hungary carried off 16 gold medals at Helsinki and they are all out to repeat the trick in Australia.

And as they have a brilliant sub-four-minute-mile at Laszlo Taber, not to mention that other fine Magyar miler Istvan Rozsvolgyi, I expect the Budapest sports bosses to reserve Iharos for the 10,000 and 5,000 Metres.

The same fate—I predict—will befall Pirie.

I do not think for a moment that the British team manager, Jack Crump and his committee will nominate Galloping Gordon for the 1,500 Metres.

This does not mean, however, that Olympic immortality need escape either the flashing Iharos or the puffing Pirie.

Indeed, I believe that at Melbourne the 5,000 Metres—red not the 1,500 Metres—will prove the race of the Games.

WONDER RUNNERS

With such wonder runners as Iharos, Pirie, Chataway, Kuts, and Ibbotson taking part, I am convinced that the winner in this event will gain not only a gold medal but enough fame to last him a lifetime.

For every one of these men is a giant of the track—and never more so than over the punishing, and pulverising 5,000 Metres course.

Superman did I say? Upon reflection, you've got to be a superman just to reach the final of this—or any—Olympic event. So strategical will be the standards, and so tight the competition at Melbourne, that anyone who wins even one gold medal—let alone two or three—deserves a whole bucketful of praise.

But I still think that, given the chance, either Iharos or Pirie could wear Emil Zatopek's crown.

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AROUND HOLLYWOOD

OBERON GOES FROM HER USUAL KISSABLE ROLE TO A HISSABLE ONE

By RON BURTON

Hollywood.

Merle Oberon goes from her usual kissable role to one that's 100 per cent hissable in her next film. And, as if that weren't enough for a switch for one film, co-star Lex Barker dons a business suit.

Miss Oberon, a heroine and never a witch in the eyes of audiences familiar with her roles, is cast as a hit-run driver in Universal-International's "Cry Innocent."

The role becomes even more unusual for her when it develops that she tries to hang the hit-run crime on someone else—namely Barker, the erstwhile join-clothed Tarnan.

"The actress has no illusions about the role."

"I'm not just despicable in the story," she said. "I'm even worse, because I try to hang it on another person. This—after about two dozen parts in which I never really wandered far from the straight and narrow."

SHE LIKES CHANGE

"There were several exotic characters, I suppose, but never anything that wasn't become culture stuff."

Miss Oberon's present reflections are of approval. And the more she thinks about it the more she thinks actors and actresses should shake up their careers periodically with "different" parts.

"This is not just my first unsympathetic role," she said. "It also represents my first suspense story. Now I just hope that audience will be as intrigued by the idea as I am."

The story is about an ambitious career woman who fears the hit-run accident she causes will ruin her career. She points suspicion toward Barker, and pretends she loves him. This lets her stay near the situation to watch out for her interests.

Miss Oberon is not without some uncertainty about what role she can do for her.

"Naturally, for the sake of the story, I want people to dislike the character I play," she said. "But, at the same time, I sure don't want them to dislike me. Well, we'll wait and see."

Pretty Natalie Wood, who gets star billing with adult actors although she's not yet out of her teens, is ready for a vacation.

It may be hard to imagine that a vigorous teen-ager who successfully survived the "awkward period" of transition between child actors and a grown-up needs a vacation. But Miss Wood figures she has been feeling plenty and will need a month.

But even now she isn't sure she'll enjoy the month she set aside. This is because she previously made vacation plans, and—well, she's still looking for that well-earned rest.

It happened after completion of "Rebel Without a Cause."

She will set to relax for an extended holiday when she suddenly was signed to star with John Wayne in "The Searchers."

This took not only time but several pounds.

After it was over she returned from the rugged location in Utah, gained back a few pounds and promptly went into "A Cry in the Night" for Warner Bros.

This film, much of it made on location in a Los Angeles brickyard, didn't exactly leave her with that refreshed feeling.

LOVES TO WORK

"The next thing I knew I'd been ordered on a starch diet to gain weight," she said. "Had to gulp vitamin pills, too."

The most recent vacation-spoiler is "The Burning Hills" in which she and Tab Hunter race on horseback over rugged terrain and flaming hillsides. She takes a beating in the film.

"After this one I thought I'd better get away for at least a month," she said. "My weight should be about 110, but it's been below that for quite a while. It's not that I feel bad—I don't—but I just want to keep feeling fine."

"I eat like a horse, and I still don't gain, so I guess I need some rest. The constant work must keep me from putting on some weight. I guess a month of complete rest will do it."

There's only one catch to these plans, however—Natalie herself.

Football League Turns Down Television Bids

The Football League have turned down bids by both Independent and BBC television for the right to televise League soccer next season. Independent television authority had offered £210,000, and the BBC £20,000.

This is the second time the League's Management Committee have been defeated on a major issue. They were in favour of accepting one of the television offers. At the League's annual meeting recently, the Management Committee's plan for four divisions was thrown out by the clubs.

believes audiences will see the high point in how a door of a limousine should be opened with maximum flourish. Trechtnikoff is the champ, the studio feels.

"When I welcome the party in the picture to '21,'" he said, "they know they have been welcomed."

COACHED BY "PRINCE MIKE"

The party includes Rock Hudson, Lauren Bacall, Robert Stack and Dorothy Malone.

"I am descended from the famous royal Trechtnikoff family of pre-Lenin Petrograd," he said proudly. "And our kind have never been surpassed for that regal look."

Part of that regal look includes a long blue overcoat with gold buttons and a snappy but tasteful cap. An essential part is Trechtnikoff's ability to stand straight as a ramrod.

"If a top producer will pay what I want, I'll be his doorman," he said. "However, I'm not going to grovel for something like a tip. When I greet people I do not bow and scrape, of course. Otherwise I'd be appealing to their baser natures—for tips, that is."

Trechtnikoff, who has opened doors in "Grand Hotel," "Week End at the Waldorf," "Cavalcade" and "The Great Ziegfeld," came to Hollywood when he was seven years old.

Hollywood's "Prince Mike" Romanoff, the restaurateur, is his friend.

"He has coached me well in not being underpaid," Trechtnikoff said.—United Press.

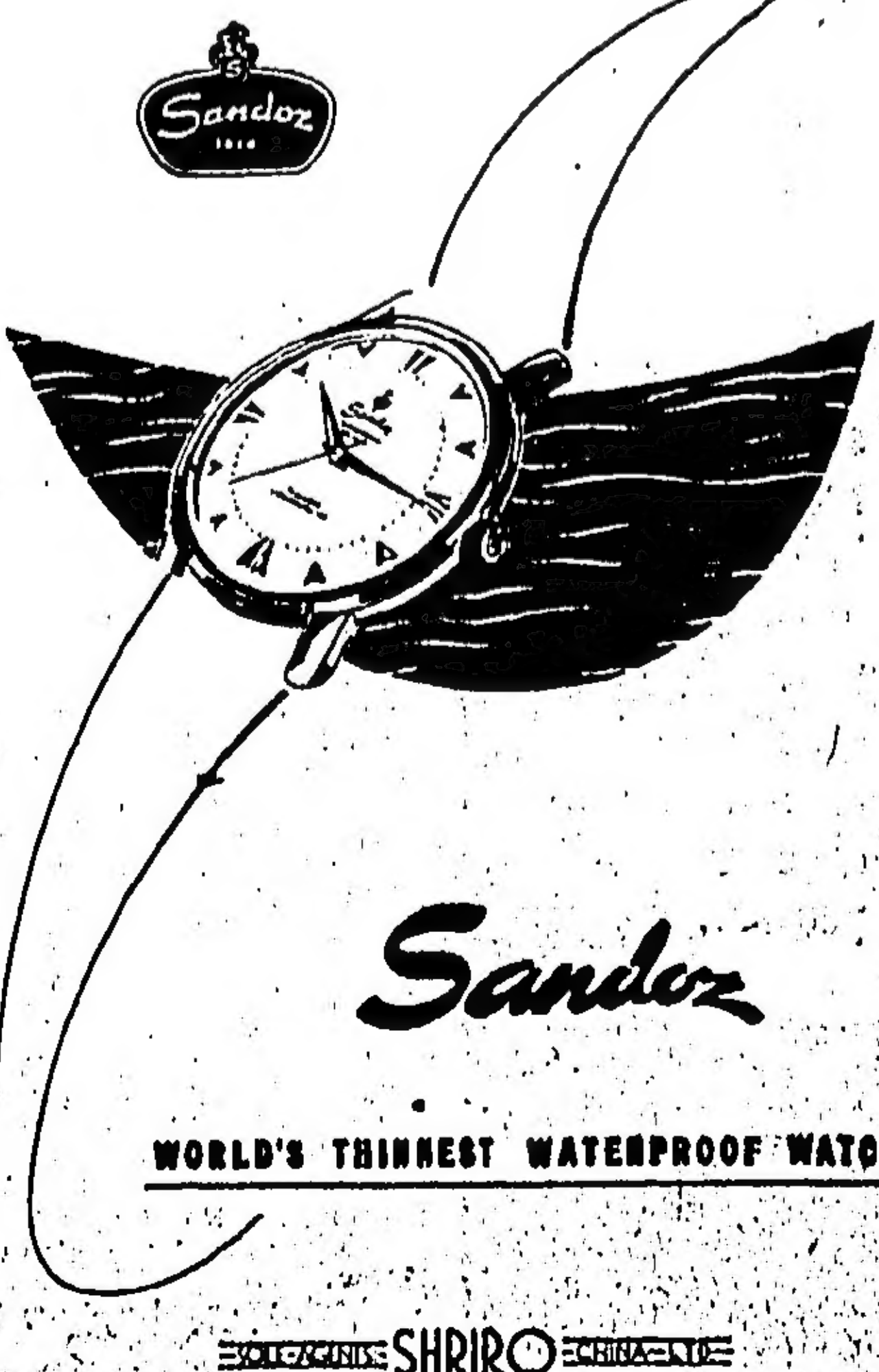
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Bid To Beat Hurricanes

EXPERTS PLAN TO CONTROL KILLER WINDS

Miami, July 30.
During this year's hurricane season, which lasts from June until the middle of November, the United States Weather Bureau's hurricane warning centre in Miami will operate on a 24-hour day basis to assist experts in their greatest efforts ever to learn more about tropical storms.

The experts will have a new set of girls' names to label the hurricanes as they appear, and they will use some of the tools of modern science in an effort to learn all the secrets of the killer winds.

Said one expert: "We take a hopeful attitude. Some of our people say that within 10 years we will know enough about hurricanes to handle them in one of three ways—modify, divert or destroy."

The Names

Storms boiling up this year will be labelled Anna, Betsy, Carla, Dora, Ethel, Flossy, Grace, Hattie, Ima, Judith, Kitty, Laura, Molly, Nona, Odella, Paula, Queeny, Rhonda, Sadie, Terse, Ursel, Vesla, Winnie, Xina, Yola and Zenda.

There will be a lot more information available to forecasters, says Mr. Paul Moore, a meteorologist attached to the hurricane warning centre.

The weather station maintained by the United States on Swan Island in the Western Caribbean has been rebuilt. It was destroyed last September by hurricane Janet, which swept from Barbados to Mexico.

New weather observation stations have also been set up in Jamaica, Grand Cayman, St. Martin, Guadeloupe, Curacao and at Saba de la Mar in the Dominican Republic.

A new National Hurricane Research Project has been set up by the Weather Bureau at West Palm Beach, Florida, 60 miles north of Miami. It will employ high-flying rockets, sensitive jet planes with special equipment, and some apparatus which is still secret. The daily job of the West Palm Beach centre will be the careful analysis of every available report from the Caribbean— Gulf of Mexico—southern Atlantic region for clues to the birth and growth of storms. In so doing it will work closely with the Weather Bureau's hurricane warning centre headed by Mr. Gordon Dunn in Miami.

Jet Planes

The Air Force is making available all weather reports from its long-range missile range stretching from Patrick Air Base at Cocoa, Florida, through the Bahamas, Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico to the Lesser Antilles.

The Air Force is also supplying two B-50 jet planes each equipped with sensitive instruments valued at 500,000 dollars. "When a storm is detected we will really go to work," said Mr. A. W. Youmans, business manager of the Research Project.

"There will be times when we will have as many as three planes within the storm area itself," he added.

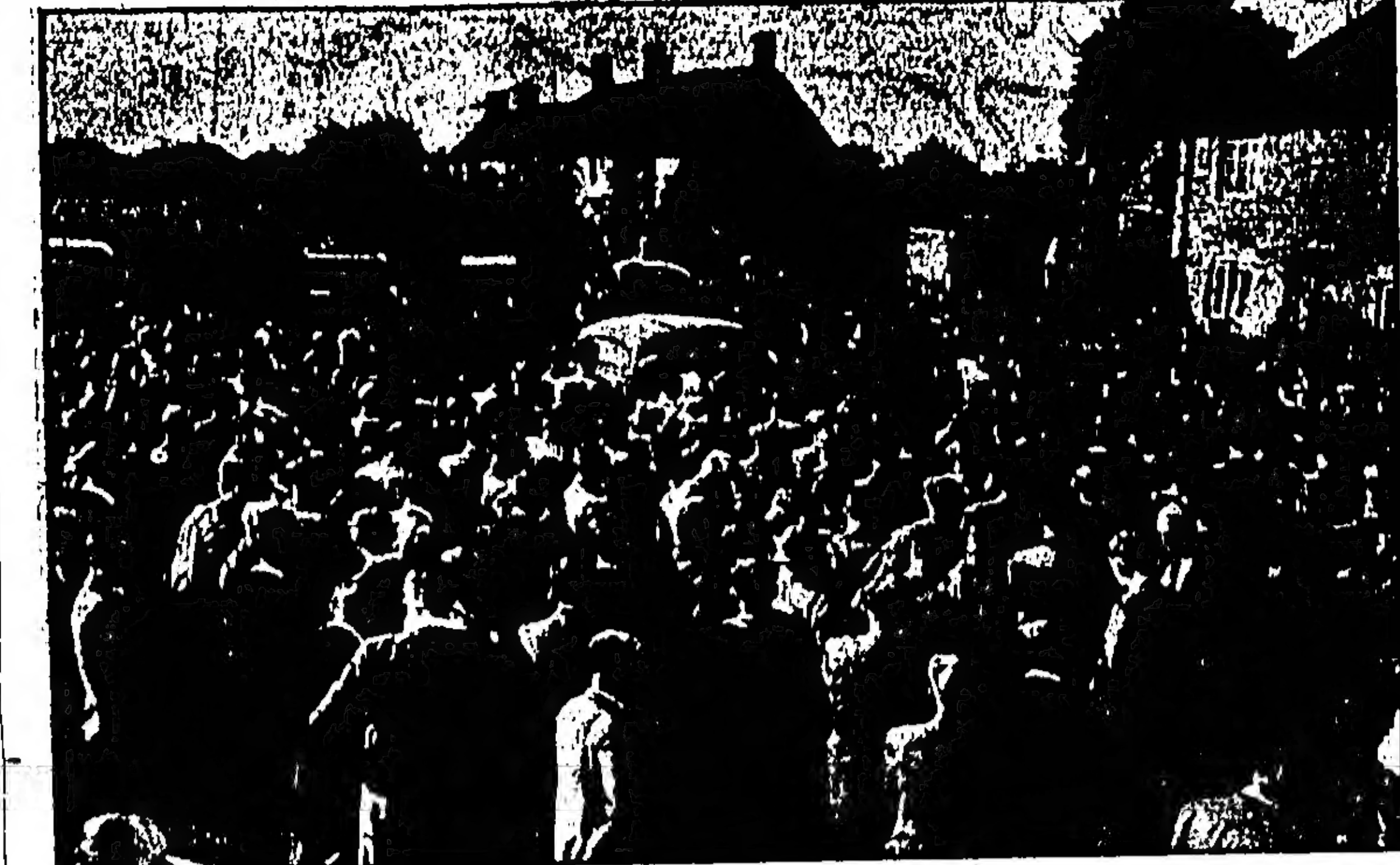
Planes based at West Palm Beach will be augmented by regular reconnaissance planes of the Air Force and the famed "Hurricane Hunter" squadron of the United States Navy based at Jacksonville.

Lieutenant Alfred Fowler, the squadron's senior meteorologist, is convinced that new electronic equipment may be capable of defining storms as to location, intensity and shape without the necessity and danger of penetrating hurricane-velocity winds. This would prevent duplication of the incident last year when a Navy "Hurricane Hunter" plane carrying a nine-man crew and two Canadian reporters was lost while on a tracking mission in search of hurricane Janet south of Jamaica.

Last Message

The last message from the plane, first to be lost in the 11-year history of the squadron, was a terse "Beginning penetration." Then nothing. No trace has ever been found of the plane or its crew.

Last year also brought the first 1,000,000,000 dollar (\$333,000,000 sterling) damage storm ever known. That was hurricane Diane, which moved as a hurricane on the North Carolina coast on August 17,



6th Century Tombs Found

Pala, July 30.
Archaeologists have discovered six sixth century tombs in the fishing village of Fagana, which overlooks President Tito's summer holiday island of Brioni.

The tombs, hewn out of a mass of rock, each contained two or more skeletons.

Professor Branko Marusic, of the Istrian Museum here, found belt buckles, a bronze toothpick, a ring, and fragments of china and glass vessels.

He now faces the problem of identifying to which people the tombs belonged. They date from migratory era of the sixth century and it is uncertain whether the occupants were Lombards, Slavs or Franks.—China Mail Special.

Exhibition For Shaw In Peking

Paris, July 30.
Peking today opened an exhibition marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of British poet George Bernard Shaw and the 50th anniversary of the death of Henrik Ibsen.

On display at the exhibition are translations in various languages of the two great dramatists' works and photographs taken at various periods of their life.

The radio said that among these photographs are one of Shaw taken with Lu Shun in Shanghai in 1933 and one of the reception given in Mr. Shaw's honour by Shanghai literary and art circles.—France-Press.

Mass Meeting Of Workers



INITIATION TOUCHES

Melbourne, July 30.
Initiation ceremonies in Victorian secondary schools should be suppressed, a conference of Mothers' Clubs decided here after hearing of boys being made to nose push a penny along a pepper trail and risk being thrown into a swimming pool for sneezing.

ROME REGISTERS STRONG QUAKE

Rome, July 30.
A "remarkably strong" earthquake some 475 miles from here was registered by the Rome seismological station at 0643 (0543 GMT) today.

The direction of the quake was not determined. Two additional shocks, believed to be centred 1,200 kilometres east of Rome, were registered at 1017 and 1143 (0917 and 1043 GMT).—United Press.

PICASSO MURALS FOR PARIS METRO

New Trains To Have Tyred Wheels

Paris, July 30.
The nationalised underground railway of Paris, which ran at a loss of 6,000,000,000 francs (£6,000,000 sterling) last year, is to have tyre-equipped trains running on wooden rails.

This big step towards modernisation of the capital's 105-mile long Metro network comes just before it celebrates its 50th anniversary in July.

Officials say that further modernisation will depend on getting sufficient credits from the State.

The tyre-equipped trains are already being tried out on one section of line. The rails are made of a special hard wood, "azobe," which grows in the French Cameroons.

More Comfortable

Fifteen trains with tyres will eventually run on the Chatelet-Porte des Lilas line which runs from the River Seine to the North-East of the city.

The new system will not only make for more comfortable travelling for Parisians who are daily jolted by rattling trains, but will also allow faster acceleration and quicker braking, thus speeding up the traffic.

The doors of the pale blue and yellow coaches will open at the touch of a button. At present Metro passengers have to open the doors themselves. Only the closing is automatic.

An ultra-modern station is to be built at the Franklin-D. Roosevelt stop under the Champs Elysees Avenue on the city's oldest underground line from Vincennes on the Eastern edge of Paris to the residential district of Neuilly in the West.

Alterations to the station which are now being completed include a hall as big as that of a main-line railway station, with

a bar, flower-shop, hairdresser, luxury goods show cases and telephones.

The chrome-decorated, day-light-lit corridors of this show-piece station will be lined with reproductions of paintings by Matisse, Picasso and Gauguin.

Modernisation

Metro authorities plan to modernise, later, the gloomy, dirty white-tiled corridors and platforms of other stations which have hardly changed since the early years of the century. A passenger plunging into them finds himself immediately in a pre-World War I atmosphere. Attempts are being made to "sweeten" them by spraying perfume on to the platforms from trains.

One or two very busy station platforms have been brightened with chrome, neon-lighting and publicity displays. Modernisation plans include giving all stations neon-lighting by November.

The style of the Metro rolling stock has changed little since the early years of the century.

The only really up-to-date coaches—pending the inauguration of the coaches on tyres—are on a line north from Saint Lazare station. There, articulated, blue, leather-upholstered coaches contrast strongly with the wooden-seated, shaking coaches in use on other lines.

The stations need more lifts and escalators. The 273 stations have only 83 lumbering escalators and 34 lifts between them. Some of the lifts are automatic, but many, including those at the busy Opera station, still have to have an operator.

Rush Hours

At present technicians are studying plans for installing "moving carpets" in the long corridors of some stations where passengers sometimes have as much as five minutes walk to change trains.

In the rush hours 500 trains carry 250,000 passengers every hour. Last year, the Metro carried a total of 1,072,000,000 passengers, compared with 800,000 before the war.

A second class ticket on the Metro costs 20 francs (about five pence sterling) and a first class ticket 30 francs (about sevenpence halfpenny sterling) and allows travel to any station on the network.—China Mail Special.

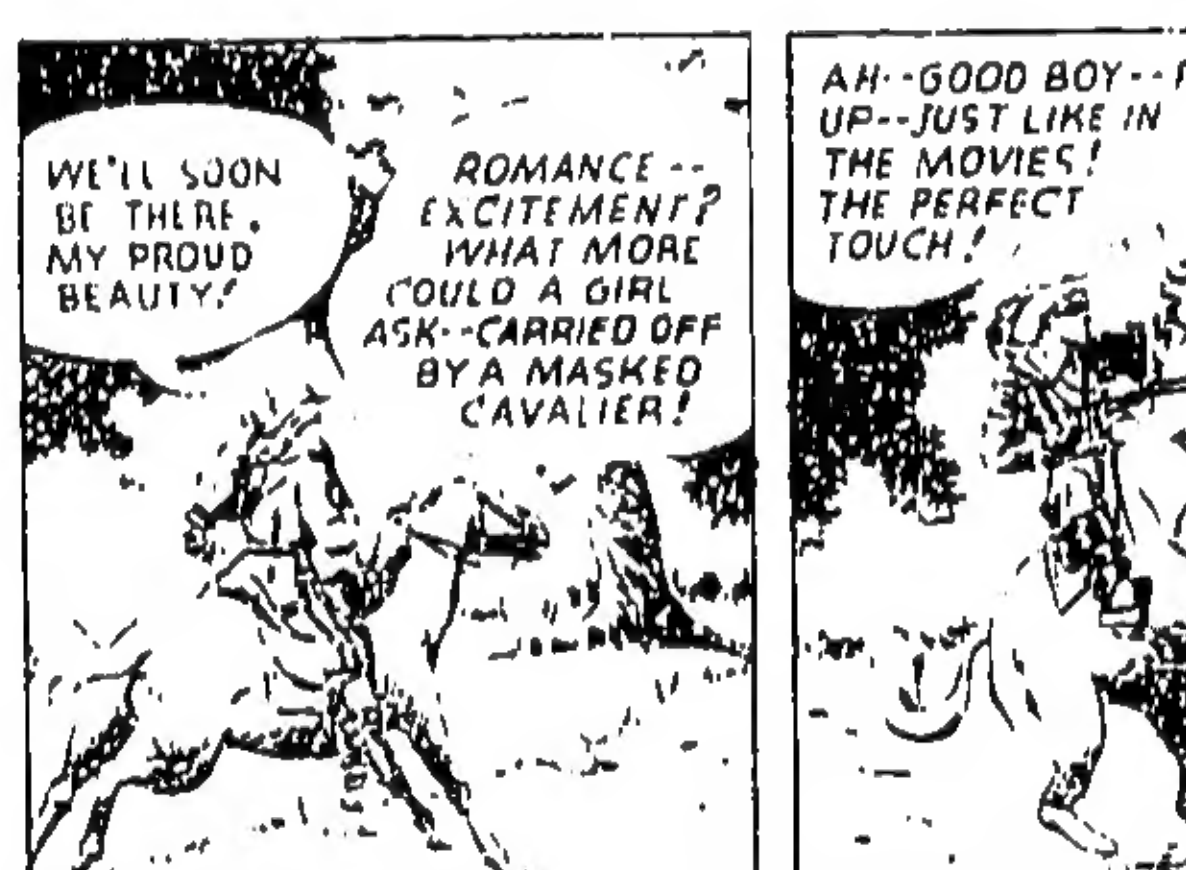
'Cocktail Cult' Attacked By Vicar

Port Elizabeth, July 30.
The cocktail cult is a device of the devil and the Government should tax liquor until over-drinking is impossible, said the Rev. A.S. Taylor, Rector of Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Port Elizabeth.

"One for the road" is an expression which "came red-hot out of Hell," he wrote in his parish magazine.

"I should like to show you a typical gin-drinker's liver. It leaves a hot-stilled beef somewhere for toughness and texture."

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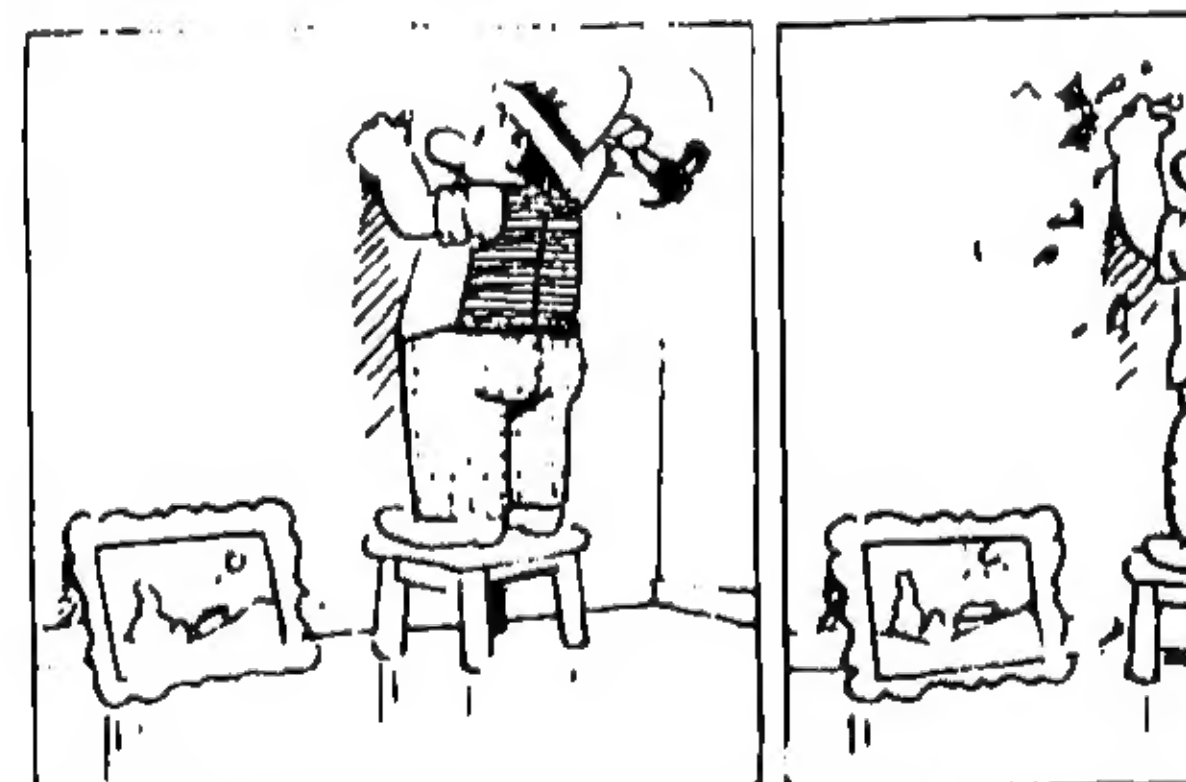
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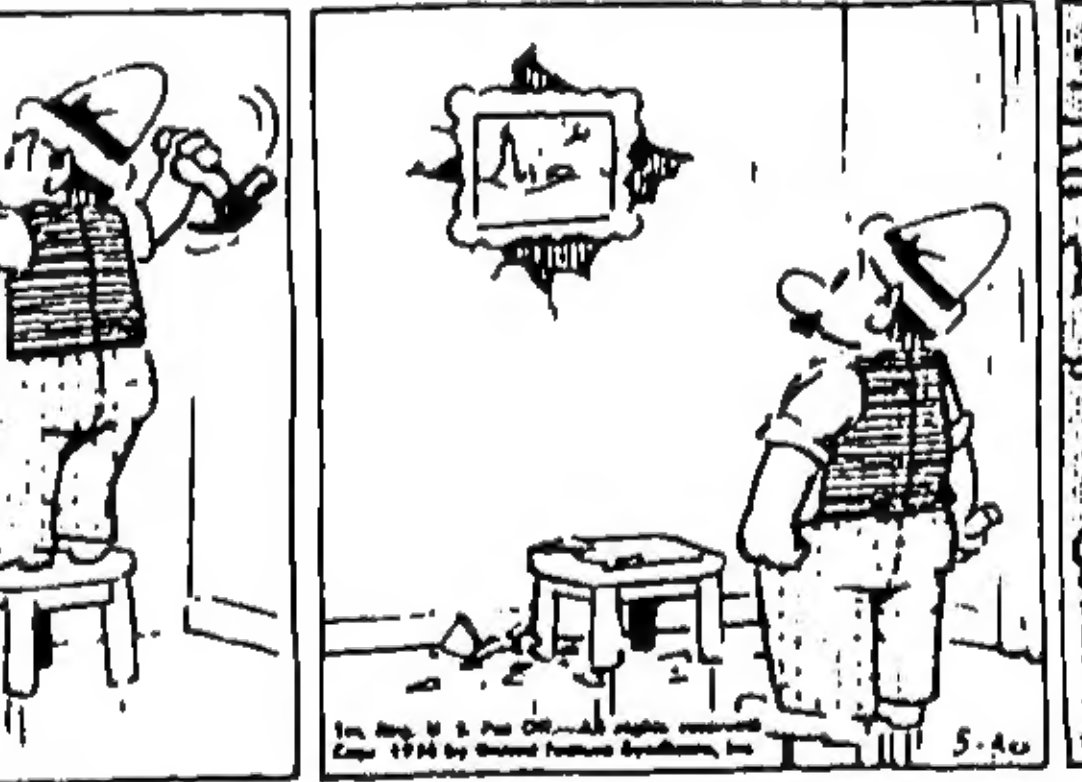
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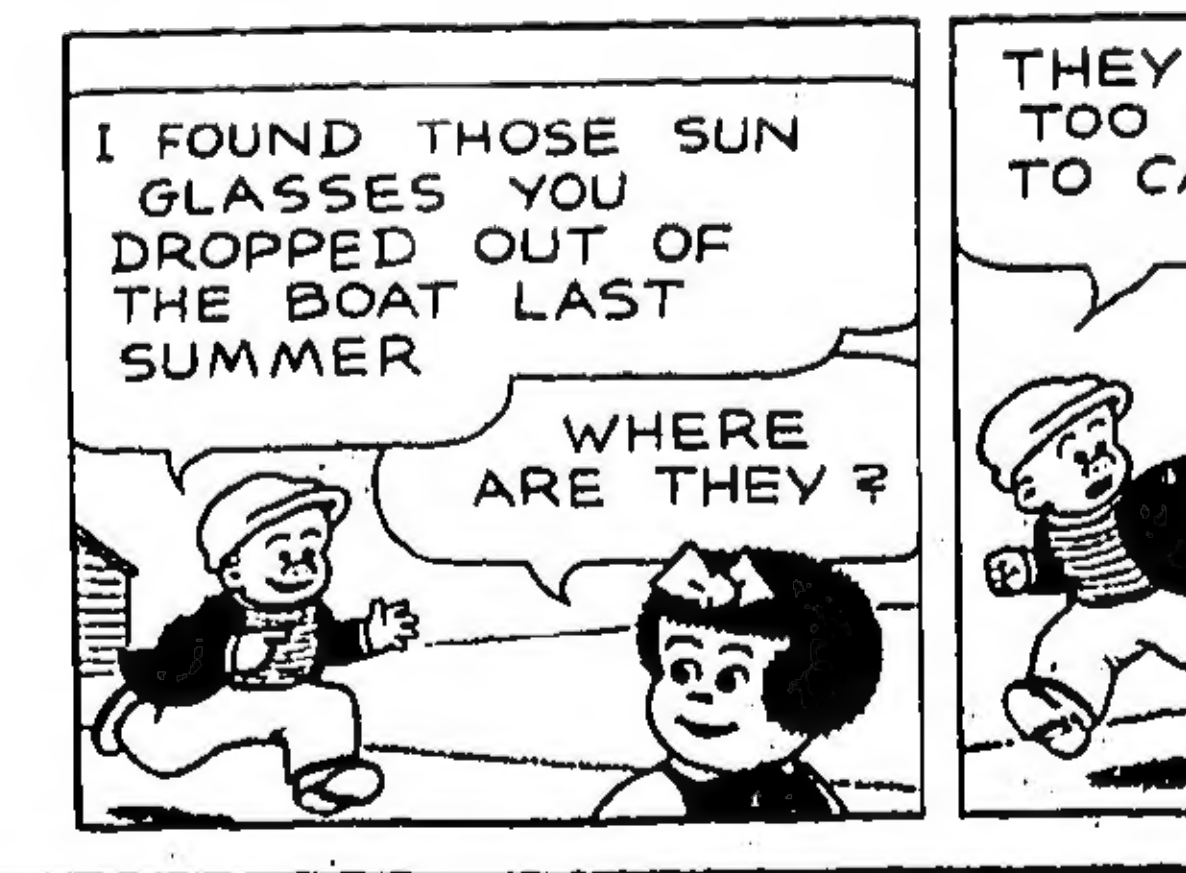
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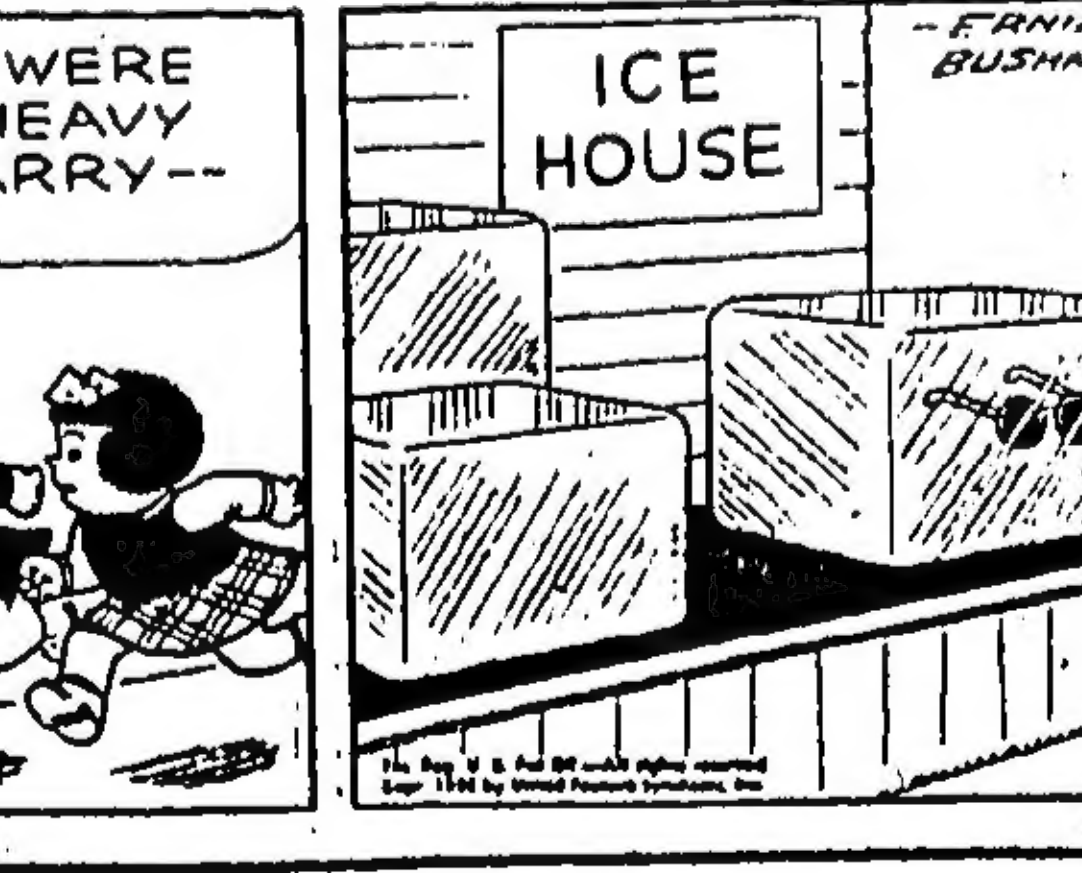
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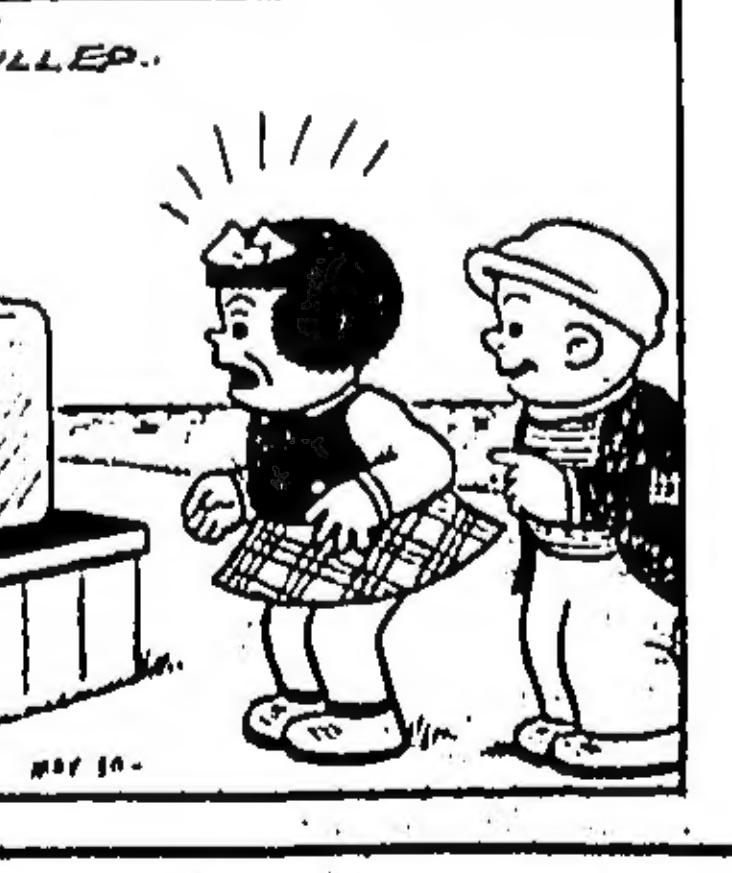
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, July 30.
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Egyptian Stocks Decline

Cairo, July 30.
Leading shares dropped from 10 to 15 per cent on uncertainty arising from Suez Canal developments. The market opened higher than buyers offered, but was more active in Anglo-Egyptian oilfields which dropped from four pounds five pence to three pounds ten pence during the day. The issue recovered after to close at three pounds 45 pence. Cotton moved lower also, Egyptian Karnak closed at 96.65—United Press.

US MARKETS INCLINED TO RISE

New York, July 30.
Strength in rubber, copper and tin futures today helped boost the Dow Jones commodity futures index to its highest level in 17 months.

The index was up 0.51 to 158.73 at the end of the first hour of the last session (159.02 on March 2, 1955).

Rubber, copper and tin prices have moved up sharply in line with these commodities in London, with the buying both here and abroad reflecting nervousness over the Suez Canal situation. Dealers felt that any disruption of shipping through the canal would force the use of longer shipping lanes and add to the cost of these commodities.

Elsewhere, sugar, coffee and hides firmed, while wool was mixed and zinc, burlap and silk were inactive. Grains, with the exception of oats, were lower on favourable crop news, larger receipts at terminal markets and slow demand.

Cotton prices moved up as much as 60 cents a bale on increased price fixing, with trading moderate. United Press.

The oil was sold on the Egyptian seizure of the Suez Canal. Oil shares led stocks down in London before New York opened.

Royal Dutch lost 3 points. Gulf Oil nearly 3 and Standard Oil of California two. Texas Co. was off more than a point and Jersey Standard a fraction. On the American Exchange, British Petroleum lost more than a point on an opening of 11,200 shares. Gulf Oil opened on the big board on 9,000 shares. Shell lost 3 points. Most other changes in the list held to fraction.

The stocks firmed after an irregular opening. Automobile issues were firm with the exception of General Motors which had a small loss.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials	513.42
20 rails	100.00
10 utilities	70.00
50 stocks	102.24
40 bonds	95.24
Comm. future price index	100.33

Allen Inc. Acy.	109 1/2
Allen Chemicals	112
Allen Mills Inc.	24 1/2
Allen Chalmers	25 1/2
American Alkali	25 1/2
American Cable & Radio Corp.	52 1/2
American Cyanamid Co.	73 1/2
Am. Mach. & Fdry.	25 1/2
American Metal	31 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	104 1/2
American Tob. Co.	14 1/2
Anacosta Copper	70 1/2
Armco Steel	70 1/2
Baltimore & Annapolis	103 1/2
Bendix Aviation Corp.	63 1/2
Bentley Corp.	103 1/2
Besthelem Steel	103 1/2
Burdette (The) Co.	61
Burgess Add Machine	42 1/2
Canadian Pacific R.	25 1/2
Cel. (J. I.) Co.	13 1/2
Cal. Tractor	109 1/2
Colgate Corp.	109 1/2
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	47 1/2
Chrysler Motor	47 1/2
Commercial Credit	61 1/2
Commonwealth Elec.	42 1/2

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$1,300,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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